

## 1 “That I May Dwell With Them”

Lesson 22:

The Continual Burnt Offering

### 2 **Exodus 29:36-38**

- *And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it.*
- <sup>37</sup>*Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.* <sup>38</sup>*Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually.*

### 3 **Exodus 29:39-41**

- <sup>39</sup>*The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even:*
- <sup>40</sup>*And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink offering.* <sup>41</sup>*And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat offering of the morning, and according to the drink offering thereof, for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.*

### 4 **Exodus 29:42-43**

- <sup>42</sup>*This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.*
- <sup>43</sup>*And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory.*

### 5 **The Four Offerings Of Priestly Ordination**

- Cleansing (JUSTIFICATION)– Exodus 29:10-14
- Confidence (APPROBATION) – Exodus 29:15-18
- Consecration (DEDICATION) – Exodus 29:19-22
- Communion (TRANSFORMATION) –Exodus 29:32-33

### 6 **Four Actions of the Priests**

#### 7 **1. Put Their Hands on the Head of the Bullock**

- CONFESSIOIN
  - Exodus 29:10 – ... *and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock.*
- Identified themselves with the victim that was to be slain for their sins (29:14).
  - Isaiah 53:5 – *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*
  - A bullock is used to represent the power, strength, and sufficiency of Christ.

#### 8 **2. Put Their Hands on the Head of the Ram**

- CONFIDENCE
  - Exodus 29:15 – *Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.*
- This was a burnt offering unto the Lord.
  - After the prerequisite sin-offering, the priests can offer a “sweet savor” offering (29:18) to the Lord.
  - Once we have received Christ as our Savior and Sin-Offering, we are never to live in doubt as to our eternal standing before God.
    - Ephesians 1:6 – *To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us **accepted** in the **beloved**.*

#### 9 **3. Put Their Hands on the Ram of Consecration**

- CONSECRATION
  - Exodus 29:18 – *And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it is a burnt offering unto the LORD: it is a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.*
  - Hebrews 10:14 – *For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*
    - Perfected eternally
    - Set apart for service
    - A work of Christ

#### 10 **4. They Ate the Flesh of the Ram and Showbread**

- COMMUNION

- Exodus 29:32-33 – *And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>33</sup>And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy.*
- Christ is to be the food of his people; He is to be their substance and life; He is formed in us.
  - Galatians 2:20, 4:19

11  **The Continuance of the Sacrifices**

- These offerings and the cleansing of the altar were repeated for seven days.
  - This denotes that Christ's people are completely consecrated in Him and their altar is a perfect one.
  - Colossians 2:10 – *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.*
- This is the first mention in the Bible of a cleansed and anointed altar.
  - Previous altars were designed and built by man. This altar is designed by God and is made holy by Him.

12  **The Continuance of the Sacrifices (2)**


- Jesus said that all who would worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24).
- Nothing that is done in the strength of our flesh makes for acceptable worship.
- Only those things we do in the power of the Holy Spirit are acceptable to God.

13  **What Is Our Altar?**

- Hebrews 13:10 – *We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.*
  - Christ Himself is our altar, sacrifice, and priest.
  - He is “*the Altar that sanctifieth the gift*” (Matthew 23:19).
    - Hebrews 13:15 – *By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*

14  **What Is Our Privilege?**

- In Leviticus 8, we learn that the priests were to abide at the door of the Tabernacle for 7 days and 7 nights.
  - They were to develop the habit of abiding before the Lord.
    - They would realize that the only way they could do this was because of the sin offering given on their behalf.
- Their week of service represents the whole of our earthly life – our week of service.
  - We have the privilege of abiding within the Holiest of Holies – not just at the door at the Tabernacle.

15  **The Continual Burnt Offering**

16  **Exodus 29:38-39, 42**

- *Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually. The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even:*
- *...This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.*

17  **The Burnt Offering**

- This is the highest type of sacrifice in Scripture.
  - The first reference to this type of offering using Genesis 22 – where Abraham is instructed to offer up Isaac as a burnt offering to the Lord.
    - This required Isaac's willingness and devotion to do that which his father required.
  - This is a beautiful picture of Christ willingly offering His life as an act of devotion.
- The Hebrew word literally means “that which goes up.” It is the ASCENDING offering.

18  **Qualifications for a Burnt Offering**

- It must be given voluntarily (Leviticus 1:3).
  - *If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD.*
- It takes precedence over all other offerings – it is the basis of all other offerings.
- The Altar becomes known as the “Altar of the burnt offering” (Exodus 40:10).

19  **Christ Is Our Burnt Offering**

- Ephesians 5:2 – *And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.*
- A lamb is used to represent the gentleness of Christ and His being yielded to the will of His Father.
- The burnt offering was to be continual both in the Tabernacle and in the Temple.
  - Christ's sacrifice continues to be acceptable on our behalf before our heavenly Father.

20  **The Meal Offering**

- This is also part of the burnt offering (Leviticus 23:13, 18; Numbers 28:28-31, 29:3-9).
- Described at length in Leviticus 2.
  - Made from grain. Christ used wheat to illustrate death, burial, and resurrection.
  - The grain offering foreshadows imperfect humanity of Christ.
  - It is mixed with oil to show the supernatural birth of Christ under the ministry of the Holy Spirit and the permeation of His life by that Spirit.

### 21 **The Role of the Holy Spirit in Christ's Life**

- Conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35).
- Led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1).
- Returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee (Luke 4:14).
- Cast out demons by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:28).
- Offered himself as our sin sacrifice without spot to God by the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 9:14).
- Gave commandments to the apostles by the Spirit (Acts 1:2).

### 22 **The Promise**

- Exodus 29:42-43 – the Lord will meet with His people – “by appointment”
  - *This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee. <sup>43</sup>And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory.*
- The people could not pass beyond the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation.
  - This was the place that the burnt offering was presented on the brazen altar.
  - John 14:6

### 23 **Two Applications**

- There is no other way to come to God except by Jesus Christ – He is the only acceptable meeting ground.
- But there is another sense in which God meets with us – when He manifests or reveals Himself to us.
  - John 14:21 – This privilege comes to those who keep His Commandments.
  - Luke 24:31 – He opens our eyes to Himself.
    - Results from a true soul-occupation with Christ.

### 24 **The Practical Application**

- We should begin and end each day with an acknowledgment of the sufficiency of Christ and His sacrifice.
- Every morning and every evening we should renew our affections for the One in whom the Father has infinite delight.
  - Morning offering = “*Rejoice in the Lord*”
  - Evening offering = “*and again I say, ‘Rejoice!’*”
  - Every day should start and end by focusing on our joy in Christ.

### 25 **Gloominess Is Not Glorifying**

- Gloominess in the Christian is not glorifying to Christ.
  - “A long-faced believer is no commendation of Christ to those who him not. God does not desire His people to be miserable.” – Arthur Pink
  - God wants our joy to be full (1 John 1:4).

### 26 **A Devotional Guide**

- Meditate with concentration upon the excellencies of Christ.
  - His devotion to the Father
  - His love for us
  - Hebrews 3:1 – *Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;*
- Invite the aid of the Holy Spirit
  - The fourth part of a hin of oil.
- To the extent that we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we shall also be filled with joy
  - The fourth part of a hin of wine – 1:1 ratio with oil.

### 27 **Approaching God**

- To really meet with Christ and have Him manifest Himself to you:
  - Occupy yourself with the excellencies of Christ, not your own needs.
  - Do not focus on getting a blessing from God, but to offer the sacrifice of praise to God.
- When we do that, we can experience the presence of Christ in a very real way.
  - Genesis 28:17 – *And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.*

28  **The Twofold Promise**

- Exodus 29:45-46
  - *And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the LORD their God.*
- Part 1: I will dwell with them.
  - Never before in Scripture had God dwelt with His people.
    - He could not do so in Egypt.
    - He walked with Adam but did not dwell with him.
    - He did not dwell with Abraham.
    - He could not dwell with man until they had been redeemed.

29  **How Does God Dwell with Us?**

- He lives within the heart of those who have received Christ as their Savior.
  - Colossians 2:17 – *To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:*

30  **How Does God Dwell with Us? (2)**

- The nation of Israel will repent and recognize Christ as their Messiah (Romans 11:26).
  - *“And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:”*
- He will dwell in the rebuilt Temple during His Millennial reign (Zechariah 6:12-13)

31  **Zechariah 6:12-13**

- *And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: <sup>13</sup>Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.*

32  **How Does God Dwell with Us? (3)**

- Ultimately, God will make His dwelling place among a redeemed and sinless mankind.
- Revelation 21:3 – *And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

33  **The Promise–Part 2**

- “I will be their God.”
- The focus here is not on what we will be to God but on what God will be to us.
  - He is our strength, our sufficiency, and everything we need.
- Psalm 18:1-3a
  - *I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup>The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. <sup>3</sup>I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised:*