

The Grain Offering **Leviticus 2:1-16**

Main Point:

Be prepared to express your dedication and gratefulness to the LORD in worship with excellence and purity.

1. Worship is a time for you to express your dedication to the LORD.

2. Worship is a time for you to express your gratefulness to the LORD.

3. As you express this in worship, it should be of high quality and undefiled.

4. In order to express this in worship, you need to be prepared in advance.

2 Samuel 8:2 2 Then he defeated Moab. Forcing them down to the ground, he measured them off with a line. With two lines he measured off those to be put to death, and with one full line those to be kept alive. So the Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought tribute. (NKJV)

Numbers 18:19 19 "All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer to the LORD, I have given to you and your sons and daughters with you as an ordinance forever; it is a covenant of salt forever before the LORD with you and your descendants with you." (NKJV)

Gordon Wenham "To add salt to the offering was a reminder that the worshiper was in an eternal covenant relationship with his God. This meant that God would never forsake him, and also that the worshiper had a perpetual duty to uphold and keep the covenant law."

Allen Ross "The expectation is that those who have been reconciled to God ... will regularly acknowledge that they owe everything to God - dedication follows atonement."

1 Corinthians 9:13-14 13 Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of *the things* of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of *the offerings* of the altar? 14 Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel. (NKJV)

Kenneth Mathews "By presenting grain offerings, the individual Israelite expressed recognition and thankfulness for God's grace in providing his everyday blessings."

Romans 11:36 36 For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen. (NKJV)

Kenneth Mathews "[This] was another reminder that the gift was not merely bringing groceries to the preacher but was an act of worship directed first and only to the LORD God."

Colossians 3:17 17 And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (NKJV)

Ezekiel 16:13 13 Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate *pastry* of fine flour, honey, and oil. You were exceedingly beautiful, and succeeded to royalty. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 5:8 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth. (NKJV)

Allen Ross "That which is given to the LORD must be without corruption or contamination."