

*Christ In The Old Testament*  
*“The Food Of Our Faith”*  
*Leviticus 2:1-16*

**Introduction:**

1. Tonight - We Are Going To Continue:
  - Our Search For Christ:
    - In The Old Testament Sacrifices:
      - That Took Place:
        - In The Tabernacle:
          - Which Itself Was:
            - A Type Of Christ:
              - In Many Ways!
2. Last Week - From Leviticus 1:
  - We Found Christ:
    - In The **Burnt** Offerings:
      - That Were Offered:
        - On The Bronze Altar!
      - That Took Its Own Name From:
        - This Offering!
          - “The Altar Of Burnt Offering!”
    - This Offering:
      - Was To Be Consumed Entirely:
        - By Fire On The Altar:
          - As A Picture Of:
            - The Complete Consecration Of Christ:
              - To God The Father:
                - On Our Behalf!
3. Tonight - Let’s Turn To:
  - Leviticus 2:
    - Were We Will Likewise Find Christ:
      - In The Meat Or Grain Offerings:
        - That Were Also Offered:
          - On The Bronze Altar Of The Tabernacle!
    - This Offering:
      - In Itself - Was A Bloodless Offering:
        - Though - Many Times:
          - It Was Offered In Conjunction With:
            - Other Offerings - Like The Burnt Offerings & The Peace Offerings!
      - But - This Offering:
        - Of Grain - Or - Fine Wheat Flour:
          - Was Meant To Be Shared!
            - Shared With The Lord & His Servants!
    - And - In This Way:
      - It Was A Picture Of:
        - The Communion:
          - That Christ Brought About:
            - Through His Sacrifice:
              - On The Cross Of Calvary!
        - The Communion & Fellowship:
          - With God - And:
            - With One Another!
4. And So - Let’s Read Through:
  - Leviticus 2 - And Learn About:
    - The Details Of:
      - This Special Offering To The Lord!
        - Read Leviticus 2!
  - These Meat / Grain / Food Offerings:

- Teach Us About Christ:
  - In Several Ways!
- And So - First:
  - We Can Learn Something About:

**1. *The Person Of Christ:***

- From These Offerings!
  - This Is Especially Seen In:
    - The First 3 Verses - Where We Are Given:
      - The Basic Instructions For:
        - A Grain Offering - Which Consisted Of:
          - Three Main Ingredients!
- The First Ingredient:
  - Was The Fine Flour:
    - Which In Exodus 29:2 - Was To Be:
      - The Flour Of Wheat!
  - Of Course - Flour:
    - Is The Main Ingredient:
      - Of Any Kind Of Bread!
    - And - It Was A Picture Of:
      - The Humanity Of Christ:
        - Who Would Come To:
          - Offer His Own Body:
            - To Be The Food For Our Souls!
  - On Sunday Mornings:
    - We've Been Looking At Jesus':
      - Teaching In The Synagogue Of Capernaum - Where:
        - In John 6:51 - He Stated - "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world!"
  - The Son Of God:
    - Came Into This World - And:
      - Took On Human Flesh:
        - In Order To Provide:
          - Real Communion Between God And Man!
- The Second Ingredient:
  - For The Grain Offering:
    - Was Oil - That Was To Be:
      - Poured Upon The Fine Flour!
  - The Oil Was Used In Old Testament Times:
    - To Anoint Prophets, Priests, And Kings!
      - And Became A Symbol Of:
        - God's Selection:
          - Of His Special Servants!
    - Even So - The Oil Was A Picture:
      - Of The Humility Of Christ:
        - Who Offered Himself:
          - In Service To God:
            - For Us!
    - When Jesus Was Baptized:
      - He Was Anointed By The Spirit Of God:
        - Who "Descended From Heaven Like A Dove, And Abode Upon Him!" (John 1:32)
      - And So - He Was Enabled:
        - By The Spirit:
          - To Carry Out His Earthly Mission:
            - To Completion!
    - According To Hebrews 9:14:
      - We Are Told That Christ:

- “Offered Himself Without Spot To God”:
- “Through The Eternal Spirit!”
- And - In John 3:34:
- We Are Told That:
- “God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him!”
- The Third Main Ingredient:
- For The Grain Offering:
- Was Frankincense!
- A Valuable Perfume:
- Known & Used For Its Fragrance!
- Had Some For VBS!
- The Frankincense:
- Was Usually Placed In:
- A Small Bowl - And Offered:
- With The Flour & Oil!
- And - It Was A Picture Of:
- The Harmony Of Christ:
- With The Will Of God The Father!
- When A Portion:
- Of The Grain Offering:
- Was Burnt On The Altar!
- All Of The Frankincense:
- That Was Offered:
- Was Burnt With It!
- Because - It Was A Sign That:
- The Offering Of Christ:
- Was - According To 2:2:
- “Of A Sweet Savor Unto The Lord!”
- It “Denoted The Sweet Odor And Acceptableness Of Christ, Both To God And To His People!”  
(Gill)
- Now - When It Came To:
- The Grain Offering:
- All Three Of These Ingredients:
- Could Be Offered:
- In Their Raw Form - Or:
- In A Prepared Way!
- When They Were Offered:
- In Their Raw Form:
- The Priest Would:
- 2:2 - “Take Thereout His Handful” And “Burn The Memorial Of It Upon The Altar!”
- And Then - The Rest Of It:
- 2:3 - “The Remnant Of The Meat Offering Shall Be Aaron’s And His Sons!”
- It Was For Their Food!
- In This Way:
- The Giver Of This Offering:
- Provided For Communion And Fellowship:
- Between God And His People!
- And - Isn’t This Exactly:
- What Jesus Did:
- Through The Sacrifice Of His Own Flesh:
- On The Cross?
- He Provided For:
- Communion & Fellowship:
- Between God And Those Who Believe In Christ As:
- “The Bread Of Life!”
- But - As We Read From:
- 2:4-7 - There Were Other Ways:

- In Which The Grain Offering:
  - Could Be Brought To The Lord!
- And We May Even Learn Something About:

2. ***The Preparation Of Christ:***

- From These Offerings As Well!
  - The Three Other Ways:
    - The Grain Offerings Could Be Made!
    - They Could Be:
- Prepared In An Oven! (2:4)
  - Which Was An Enclosed Furnace Of Fire:
    - In Which Either:
      - Cakes Or Wafers:
        - Would Be Baked!
    - Cakes - Thicker / Wafers - Thinner!
      - But Still Made The Same Way:
        - Fine Flour / Oil / With Frankincense!
  - A Portion:
    - Of The Bread:
      - Was To Be Burnt On The Altar:
        - With The Rest:
          - Reserved For The Priests For Food!
  - In Addition To Being:
    - Prepared In An Oven:
      - The Grain Offerings Could Also Be:
- Prepared On A Pan! (2:5-6)
  - A "Pan" Was Probably Like:
    - A Griddle - With No Edges Of Coverings!
      - So - Something Like:
        - A Cracker That Be:
          - Crumbled Into Pieces!
    - But - Once Again - Same Ingredients:
      - With The Same Portion:
        - For The Lord & For The Priests!
          - Also - The Grain Offerings Could Be:
  - Prepared In A Frying Pan! (2:7)
    - Which Was Probably More Like:
      - A Sauce Pan!
  - But - No Matter How:
    - The Grain Offering Was Prepared:
      - The Same Ingredients Were Offered:
        - With A Portion For The Lord - And:
          - A Portion For The Priests!
    - Those Who Offered:
      - Their Grain Offerings In This Way:
        - Took The Time & Effort & Care:
          - To Do So!
      - They Would Have:
        - Crushed The Grain!
        - Mingled The Oil!
        - Kneaded The Dough!
        - Heat It Over The Fire!
        - All Before Presenting It:
          - Before The Lord!
    - Isn't This Too:
      - A Picture Of The Preparation Of Christ:
        - To Be The Offering & Sacrifice:
          - For Us?

- In Hebrews 4:15 - We Are Reminded:
  - That - "We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin!"
- Jesus Prepared Himself:
  - Through The Various Trials & Testings In His Life:
    - To Be The Sacrifice:
      - That We Needed Him To Be!
  - And That Is Why:
    - Now - "Christ Is The Food Of Our Faith!" (Gill)
- Then - Starting In:
  - 2:11 - We Find Some Important:
    - Inclusions & Exclusions:
      - When It Came To:
        - The Grain Offering!
  - And - Some Of The:
    - Exclusions - Remind Us Of:

### 3. ***The Purpose Of Christ!***

- In 2:11 - The Lord Told Moses:
  - "No meat offering, which ye shall bring unto the LORD, shall be made with leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire!"
    - So - No Leaven - And:
      - No Honey!
        - Why These Exclusions?
  - The Exclusion Of Leaven:
    - Reminds Us Of The Importance:
      - Of Having A Pure Sacrifice:
        - Without Any:
          - Pollution From The World!
    - Leaven:
      - Which Was A Rising Agent:
        - For Bread - Was Something:
          - In Common Use:
            - By The Children Of Israel When They Lived In Egypt!
      - And - For Religious Purposes:
        - Leaven Became A Symbol For:
          - The Pollution & Corruption:
            - Of This World!
    - The Purpose Of Christ:
      - Was To Offer Himself:
        - "Without Blemish And Without Spot!"
          - Unto God - For Us!
      - And - Since He Did So:
        - Unto Death - Even After Death:
          - No Corruption:
            - Would Come Upon Him!
      - In Psalm 16:10:
        - It Was Prophesied About Christ:
          - That - "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption!"
    - The Exclusion Of Leaven:
      - From The Grain Offering:
        - Seems Pretty Straight Forward!
          - But - What About:
    - The Exclusion Of Honey?
      - I Believe - This Can Remind Us:
        - Of The Importance:
          - Of Having A Pure Sacrifice:

- Separated From Even The:
  - Pleasures Of The World!
- Of Course - Honey Is Well-Known:
  - For Its Sweet Taste!
    - But - It Is Was Also Known:
      - To Upset The Stomach, Along With Other Negative Effects:
        - If Too Much Was Eaten!
  - In Proverbs 25:27:
    - It Was Even Said:
      - “It is not good to eat much honey!”
- So - This Too Is A Picture Of Christ:
  - Who - Like Moses:
    - Chose To Suffer Affliction For The People Of God - Than To:
      - “Enjoy The Pleasures Of Sin For A Season!” (Hebrews 11:25)
  - Jesus Came To Be:
    - A “Man Of Sorrows” - Not:
      - A Man Of Mirth! (Isaiah 53:3)
- And So - The Purpose Of Christ:
  - Was To Offer Himself:
    - Without The Pollution:
      - From The World - And:
    - Without The Pleasures:
      - Of The World!
  - And These Exclusions:
    - Show Us The Purity And Separation:
      - That We Needed:
        - In Christ - In Order To:
          - Provide Fellowship And Communion With God!
  - But - Then - From 2:12:
    - Some Of The Inclusions:
      - To The Grain Offering:
        - Reveal To Us:

#### 4. ***The Power Of Christ:***

- And His Offering!
  - According To 2:13 - Every Grain Offering:
    - Was To Be “Seasoned With Salt!”
      - Which Shows Us:
- The Preserving Power:
  - Of Christ And His Offering:
    - For Us!
  - Salt Was & Is Still Used:
    - In Various Ways!
      - For Flavor!
      - For Purification!
      - For Preserving!
  - The Salt Mentioned In This Verse:
    - Is Also Called:
      - “The Salt Of The Covenant!”
    - So - Salt Was A Symbol:
      - Of God’s Promises:
        - At Work - For His People:
          - As The Basis For Their Communion And Fellowship With Him!
  - When Christ Came - The First Time:
    - It Was The Fulfilment:
      - Of Countless Promises & Prophecies:
        - And Even Pictures:
          - Like We’ve Been Looking At In The Old Testament!

- And Now - As Jesus Said:
  - In John 6:27 - He Is:
    - The "Meat Which Endureth Unto Everlasting Life!"
  - And Because Of:
    - The Preserving Power:
      - Of His Offering:
        - We Can Have Fellowship With God:
          - Forever!
- But - We Can Also See:
  - The Perpetual Power:
    - Of Christ And His Offering:
      - In 6:14-23 - Where Additional Laws:
        - Are Given For The Priests:
          - Concerning The Grain Offering!
            - Read Passage!
  - So - In Addition To:
    - The Voluntary Grain Offerings:
      - In Leviticus 2 - There Was A:
        - Perpetual Grain Offering:
          - Every Day - And:
            - Every Morning & Evening Each Day!
- This Is The Power Of Christ:
  - And His Offering:
    - For Us!

**Conclusion:**

1. Of Course - More Could Be Added:
  - About The First-Fruit Offering:
    - As A Picture Of Christ:
      - Which Is Also Found:
        - In These Verses!
2. But - As John Gill:
  - Once Wrote:
    - "Christ Was Prefigured By The Meat Offering; His Sacrifice Came In The Room Of It, And Put An End To It!"
      - And Now - Because Of Christ:
        - We Can Have Communion And Fellowship With God:
          - Through Faith In Him!

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