

Christ In The Old Testament
“Bring An Offering”
Leviticus 1:1-2

Introduction:

1. Last Sunday:
 - We Finished Looking At:
 - How The Old Testament Tabernacle:
 - Was A Picture Of Christ:
 - In Various Ways!
 - And - Starting Tonight:
 - We Will Begin A New Mini-Series:
 - On How The Old Testament Sacrifices:
 - Are A Picture Of Christ:
 - As Well!
2. But - Before We Start:
 - Looking At Those Sacrifices:
 - I Want Us To Review:
 - Why We Are:
 - Looking For Christ:
 - In The Old Testament! And:
 - How We Have:
 - Found Him Already!
3. First - As To:
 - Why We Are Looking For Christ:
 - In The Old Testament!
 - It Is Because Jesus Himself:
 - Tells Us That:
 - There - He Can Be Found!
 - Back In John 5:39:
 - Jesus Told The Jews:
 - “(You Are) Searching the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me!”
 - So - The Old Testament Scriptures:
 - Have One Main Theme!
 - Christ! And - They All:
 - In One Way Or Another:
 - Testify About Jesus!
 - So Much So That:
 - After Jesus Rose From The Dead:
 - In Luke 24:27 - When He Met With Two Of His Disciples:
 - On The Road To Emmaus!
 - We Are Told That:
 - “Beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself!”
 - So - We Are Trying To Follow:
 - The Example Of Jesus Himself!
 - And - We Are Looking For Christ:
 - In The Old Testament:
 - Because There - He Can Be Found!
 - But Then:
4. Second - As To:
 - How We Are Looking For Christ:
 - In The Old Testament!
 - We Have Been Doing So:
 - In Various Ways!
5. The First Way:
 - We Found Christ:

- Was In A Personal Way!
- When He Appeared Personally:
 - To Men - As A Man:
 - In A Preincarnate Body!
- These Appearances:
 - Are Known As Christophanies!
 - And - Christ Appeared This Way:
 - To At Least 5 Individuals:
 - Including Adam & Eve, Abraham, Jacob, & Joshua!

6. The Second Way:

- We Found Christ In The Old Testament:
 - Was As - The Angel Of The Lord!
 - Who - As God's Divine Messenger:
 - He Was Sent To Deliver:
 - God's Divine Message:
 - To Men!
- And - Christ Appeared This Way:
 - To A Number Of People As Well:
 - Including Hagar, Abraham, Moses, Gideon, The Parents Of Samson, And Even The Children Of Israel As A Whole!
- And - Each Time He Visited These People:
 - As The Angel Of The Lord:
 - He Brought A Special Message:
 - From Heaven To Earth:
 - That Is Still Relevant For Us Today!

7. The Third Way:

- We Found Christ In The Old Testament:
 - Was In The Different:
 - "Types & Shadows" That God Used:
 - To Provide For The Needs Of His People:
 - As They Were Wandering In The Wilderness:
 - From Egypt To The Promised Land!
- "Types & Shadows" Are:
 - Things That:
 - God Used In The Past:
 - To Provide "Picture Prophecies" About Christ!
 - And - He Used Various Things:
 - To Do Just That!
 - Including: Various Activities / People / Events / Objects!
 - But - In Every Case:
 - Those "Types & Shadows" Were:
 - Just A Limited Picture:
 - Of The "Good Things To Come" In The Lord Jesus Christ!
 - **IE:** Like The Difference Between A Picture & Reality! No Comparison!
 - Some Of Those "Types & Shadows" Included:
 - The Passover Lamb, The Manna That Rained From Heaven, The Water That Gushed Out Of The Rock Of Horeb, The Bronze Serpent Raised Up By Moses, And Even The Providential Preservation Of Even The Clothes & The Shoes Of The People For Over 40 Years!

8. Of Course - One Of The Main Ways:

- That Christ Revealed Himself:
 - In The Old Testament:
 - Was Through The Tabernacle!
 - It Was Meant To Be:
 - A Continuous Reminder Of:
 - God's Special Presence With His People!
- And So - This Was The Fourth Way:
 - We Found Christ In The Old Testament!
 - As We Explored:

- All The Different Articles:
 - That Were Used For Worship:
 - In The Tabernacle!
- We Looked For Christ:
 - In The Tabernacle Tent Itself!
 - As Well As In:
 - The Ark Of The Covenant!
 - The Mercy Seat!
 - The Table Of Shewbread!
 - The Menorah Lamp!
 - The Incense Altar!
 - The Altar Of Burnt Offering!
 - The Bronze Laver!
 - The Court Of The Tabernacle:
 - Along With Its Curtains & Doors! And Even:
 - The Garments Of:
 - The High Priest!
- But - What Was The Purpose:
 - Of All These Things?
 - If You Remember - In Exodus 29:42-46:
 - God Himself Gave Us:
 - His Purpose!
 - It Was So That:
 - He Might:
 - Meet With His People!
 - Sanctify His People! And:
 - Dwell With His People!
 - So That - His People:
 - Might Know Him!

- “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. / And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory. / And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office. / 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!”

 - Now - All That The Tabernacle:
 - Was For - Jesus Himself:
 - Fulfilled Entirely!
 - Because - It Is Through Jesus Christ - That God:
 - Meets With His People!
 - Sanctifies His People! And:
 - Dwells With His People!
 - So That You:
 - Might Know Him & Believe In Him!
 - And - I Trust That:
 - As We Learned More About Christ:
 - Through The Tabernacle:
 - You Did Grow In:
 - Your Knowledge Of & Relationship With:
 - The Lord!

9. Well - Of Course:

 - One Of The Most Significant Activities:
 - That Took Place In The Tabernacle:
 - Was The System Of Sacrifices:
 - That Was Instituted By God:
 - For His People!
 - And - Those Sacrifices:
 - Were To Be Offered On:

- The Large Altar:
 - That Was Front & Center:
 - In The Court Of The Tabernacle!
 - And So - After The Tabernacle:
 - Was Assembled:
 - And - While The Children Of Israel:
 - Were Still Camped At:
 - The Foot Of Mount Sinai!
 - In Leviticus 1-7 - The Lord:
 - Told His People:
 - How They Could Approach Him:
 - In The Tabernacle!
 - And For The Next 6 Weeks Or So:
 - We Will Be Looking For Christ:
 - In These Old Testament Sacrifices!
 - So - Let's Turn Now To:
 - Leviticus 1!
 - Where - In 1:1-2:
 - We Read - "And the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, / Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock!"
10. One Of The Reasons:
- For The Tabernacle - Was For:
 - God's People To Be Able To:
 - Draw Near To Him!
 - And - In Order To Do This:
 - His People Needed To Bring:
 - An "Offering!"
 - "Offering" Here - "Corban!"
 - The Root Of Which Means:
 - To Draw Near!
 - And - What These Sacrifices:
 - Were Meant To Teach Israel:
 - Was That:
 - The Only Way For Them:
 - To Draw Near To God:
 - Was Through Blood!
 - Even - The Blood Of:
 - "Cattle, Even Of The Herd, And Of The Flock!"
 - And This Applied:
 - Not Just To:
 - The People Of Israel:
 - As A Whole!
 - But Also To:
 - Them As Individuals!
 - Even - "Any Man!"
11. And So - Beginning With:
- Leviticus 1 - And Running Through - Leviticus 7:
 - God Institutes 5 Offerings:
 - By Which His People:
 - Might Draw Near To Him:
 - For Forgiveness:
 - Of Sin - And:
 - For Fellowship:
 - With The Lord!
 - The 5 Offerings Included:
 - The Burnt Offering!

- Found In Leviticus 1:3-17; 6:8-13!
 - The Meat / Grain Offerings!
 - Found In Leviticus 2:1-16; 6:14-23!
 - The Peace Offerings!
 - Found In Leviticus 3:1-17; 7:11-34!
 - The Sin Offerings!
 - Found In Leviticus 4:1-35; 6:24-30! And:
 - The Guilt / Trespass Offerings!
 - Found In Leviticus 5:14-6:17; 7:1-7!
12. Through The:
- Burnt Offering:
 - God Made A Way For:
 - The Consecration:
 - Of His People!
 - To Draw Near To The Lord:
 - And Give Themselves Entirely To Him!
13. Through The:
- Meat Offerings:
 - God Made A Way For:
 - The Commitment:
 - Of His People!
 - To Draw Near To The Lord:
 - And Rely Upon Him For His Daily Provision!
14. Through The:
- Peace Offerings:
 - God Made A Way For:
 - The Communion:
 - Of His People!
 - To Draw Near To The Lord:
 - And Enjoy Fellowship With Him!
15. Through The:
- Sin Offerings:
 - God Made A Way For:
 - The Confession:
 - Of His People!
 - To Draw Near To The Lord:
 - And Experience Forgiveness Of Sin!
16. Through The:
- Trespass Offerings:
 - God Made A Way For:
 - The Cleansing:
 - Of His People!
 - To Draw Near To The Lord:
 - And Be Purified From The Corruption & Pollution Of Sin!
17. In All Of These Ways:
- God Sought Sinners:
 - To Draw Near To Him!
 - But - The Only Way They Could:
 - Was Through The Shedding Of Blood!
 - Even The Only:
 - “Bloodless Offering” - Which Was:
 - The Meat / Grain Offering:
 - Was Often Offered On The Basis Of:
 - The Other Offerings:
 - And Their Blood!
18. And So - We Will See:
- That Even In These Offerings:
 - Christ Can Be Found!

- Because - When He Came Into This World:
 - He Took All 5 Of These:
 - Pictures Of Atonement:
 - And Fulfilled Them With:
 - “One Complete And Finished Sacrifice!” (Mark Allison)

19. Now - As:

- We Look At The Details:
 - Of These Sacrifices:
 - Starting Next Week!
- We Must Remember That:
 - Even Though These Sacrifices:
 - Were Given By God:
 - They Were Never Intended By God:
 - To Atone & Take Way:
 - Sin!

20. This Is Made Clear:

- Even In The Old Testament!
 - In Psalm 50:7-13 - The Lord Says:
 - “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God. / I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me. / I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds. / For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. / I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. / If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof. / Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?”
 - So - All The Sacrifices:
 - Instituted By God:
 - Were Not For God!
 - They Were For Man!
 - To Give Them:
 - A Physical Means:
 - To Draw Near To Him:
 - While Relying On & Believing In:
 - The Mercy & Grace Of The One:
 - Those Sacrifices Were:
 - A Picture Of!
 - And Then - In Psalm 51:16-17:
 - David - After Committing Great Sins Against The Lord:
 - Affirms The Same Truth!
 - “For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. / The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise!”
 - So - It Was How:
 - People Drew Near To The Lord:
 - In Their Hearts - That Was The True Grounds For Their:
 - Consecration!
 - Commitment!
 - Communion!
 - Confession! And:
 - Cleansing!

21. The Writer Of Hebrews:

- Ties All Of This Together:
 - In Hebrews 9:1-14 - Which We Will Close:
 - By Reading!
 - “Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. / 2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. / 3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; / 4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; / 5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the

mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. / 6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. / 7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: / 8 ¶ The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: / 9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; / 10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. / 11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; / 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. / 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: / 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Conclusion:

1. It Is The Sacrifice Of Jesus Christ:
 - On The Cross - And:
 - The Shedding Of His Own Precious Blood:
 - That Is The Fulfilment:
 - Of All The Offerings Made:
 - In The Old Testament!
2. And Now:
 - We Can Experience:
 - The Fulness Of Meaning:
 - Found In Each Of These Offerings:
 - In Him - Our Great:
 - Redeemer!

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