

A Call to Relationship- WORSHIP

Main Scriptures: Leviticus 2

Supporting Scriptures: Revelation 1: 1-6; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13: 15-16; Genesis 4; 2 Chronicles; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Philippians 3:7-10

Made us Kings and Priest unto God and his Father to Him be glory and dominion forever amen -

Last week we touched on the need for the burnt offering and that represents a life surrendered to Christ

John said behold the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. - Anyone who wants to have peace has come to come to God through Jesus

The burnt offering gave atonements of the nature of sin and gave man the ability to approach God and find peace with God and as we go on we will see that the purpose of this offering was for man to have peace with God

Leviticus 2 - the Cereal offering (MINHA)

The chapter is divided into 3 paragraphs

Verses: 1-3 - the uncooked grain offering

Verses: 4-10 - cooked offering

Verses: 11- 14 - rules about the offering

God has specific rules about what he accepts as offerings.

Minha (cereal offering) - a kind of tribute from the worshipper to God it is a gift to His God.

The Children of Israel were bound by a covenant with God. When God freed them from Egypt the intention was to worship God and so Moses said to Pharaoh let us go to worship our God and bound by this covenant we bring this offering (noted in scripture) a special gift that provides a pleasing aroma to God.

This offering takes on the yoke of the covenant with the Lord.

What the Lord expects of him is what the man desires to do. This is no different from our lives in that there is a call for dedication.

Romans 12:1 - give your bodies to the Lord for what he has done for you let it be living and holy the kind that is a pleasing aroma to him this is truly the way to worship Him. Nothing less than this is acceptable of the Lord. The grain offering was presented in the morning and the evening, Note that the grain offering is offered along with the burnt offering here we understand what took place when Cain and able went up to worship. Bible said that Abel offered a better sacrifice of blood - a desire to draw near to God, Cain also offered to the Lord his first fruits but he did not offer anything to the Lord with Blood. There was no substitute for his sinful nature and nothing to deal with the pending wrath over him. IE: Cain offered without faith and his attempt was to present himself to God as if he was under no curse and does not see his need for the blood. He wanted to be accepted for his holiness but didn't see the need for the shedding of Blood. A Christian is called to a regular dedication to Christ service as ancient Israel and so one life must be dedicated ever so often to the Lord and since we have drawn near to God we want to

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join to agree to please him and so here in the cereal offering its purpose is to provide a pleasing aroma to the Lord.

God desires the best, whatever we offer to the Lord must cost us it cannot be any and anything. You are to pour olive oil and sprinkle with frankincense and bring it to Aaron's sons. Again we see that this is not a passive act. The priest scoops up a handful of oil and flour and frankincense and this is a pleasing aroma to the Lord. By burning on the altar a portion of the offering the rest of the offering is considered the holiest part of the special gifts presented. Here we understand that our relationship with the Lord. When we come into His presence, holiness should always be at the forefront of our minds. We should always remember that God is Holy. No matter how the offering has been prepared bring it to the priest who will present it at the altar. We have several ways as to how the grain offering will be prepared. As we look at the one that is cooked.

Leviticus 2:5 - yeast here we cannot declare that this is what the Lord is saying because the shewbread in the tabernacle has yeast and so sometimes we have to understand that the Lord will dictate what is accepted from what is not. And we remember the Passover when they are coming out of Egypt the dough was unleavened and the Lord stated that he admired their actions on how quickly they responded by faith to what God is doing and so we can't state as to why the Lord is going what he is doing it's just the Lord's commands and so sometimes in our relationship with the Lord sometimes we don't understand something or doing something but by faith we accept it. Vs. 11 the Lord does not want yeast and honey to be burnt on his altar vs. 12 he has no problem with yeast and honey.

It is said that in those days that the children of the world in offering incense to their God would incorporate this into their ingredients and this honey is probably also from dates used in their dough and so as other nations did that God refuses to have yeast and honey on his altar. So is it that God can dictate to us what he accepts and what he will refuse.

Do we understand that it's not what we think is pleasing to the Lord? We can become emotional and have a lot of exuberance but the Lord still has the right to refuse and to accept.

Vs. 13 - salt in the old test represented the covenant

Frankincense added the aroma that made it more pleasing

Analogies refer to prayer and Frankincense are the same pleasing aroma to God.

We started out by talking about Minnah referring to prayers and the cereal offering and so here is a worshipper praying from their heart. Everything that we give to God comes from our hearts. Our prayers to Him should be going up daily our dedication to him should be a sweet aroma to Him.

You do not belong to yourself we are in covenant with God. Not only our bodies but everything that we are given charge over belongs to the King how? For you were bought with a high price, Christ became to substitute so we must honor God with our bodies.

How is it we are paid for, owned by God and we have a personal agenda?

Owned by the Lord and we don't ask Him what would you have me to do. Like Paul on the Damascus road met the Lord and said what would you have me to do.

The worshipper's life is no longer his own and so the cereal offering is considered as a giving back to the King and this was practiced by the world in ancient time for fear of the king they would offer tributes and

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gift but in reverence to the name of the lord we surrender our Lives. OUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD.

think out that, our bodies are bought at a high price and we no longer own ourselves.