

"THE LEVITICAL OFFERINGS"**Introduction**

1. God's people cannot live without Christ
2. In the O.T. they had the sacrifices.
3. They were not needed till Adam fell

1. UNDERSTANDING THE SACRIFICES: IN GENERAL

- 1) God requires the sinner to come with sacrifice for sin:
 - (i) OT: animal
 - (ii) NT: Christ

Q. Why? Sinners are worthy of death.
- 2) The sacrificial animal died as a substitute for the sinful worshipper.
- 3) Elements:
 - (i) altar = place of death
 - (ii) sacrificial beast = substitute
 - (iii) laying on of hands = imputation / transfer
 - (iv) fire: the place of wrath
 - (v) blood: makes atonement
- 4) When was sacrifice first appointed by God?
ANSWER: In Eden after the Fall.
- 5) Could sacrifices atone for sin? No.
- 6) Were all O.T. worshippers true believers?
No, only those who had saving faith.

2. THE LEVITICAL SACRIFICES: FIVE TYPES

- 1) The Burnt Offering: from herd or flock, male without blemish, hands laid on, it was killed, priests sprinkle the blood, the flaying + cutting into its pieces, burnt on the altar.

LESSON: See here what we as sinners deserve – and what Christ suffered as "the Lamb of God".

- 2) Meat Offering (or, Meal Offering): flour offered daily with evening and morning sacrifice.
LESSON: Christ is the bread of life – we are to feed daily on him.
- 3) Peace Offering: male, or female animal.
LESSON: Christ reconciles God and man by the blood of his cross.
OBSERVE: Reconciliation is twofold:
 - God to man
 - man to God

APPLICATION: Till we love God we are still at enmity to him. At conversion we come into a new relation of peace.
- 4) Sin Offering: It appears to be especially for sins of ignorance:
See 4: 2, 13, 22.
LESSON: We sin often when we are ignorant.
- 5) Trespass Offering: Apparently for sins of a more private nature – of which the worshippers conscience was informed.
N.B. It may be that:
 - sin offering: for sins of ignorance
 - trespass offering: for sins of knowledge

3. SOME LESSONS

- 1) We do not now offer sacrifice – but we exercise faith in Christ's sacrifice:
"If the blood of bulls..."
- 2) Keep resorting to Christ's blood and so keep a good conscience. "If we confess our sins..."

PSALM**40: 5 – 8****66: 13 – 20****51: 16 - 19**