



## The Best Offering

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Notes

Next Saturday, let's plan on eating out together at Café Express (in Southlake Town Square) following Havdalah.

**Introduction:**

#### I. The Best Offering.

Leviticus 22:1-2 (NKJV) – <sup>1</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to Aaron and his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they do not profane My holy name *by* what they dedicate to Me: I *am* the LORD.

Leviticus 22:32-33 (NKJV) – <sup>32</sup> You shall not profane My holy name, but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel. I *am* the LORD who sanctifies you, <sup>33</sup> who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD.”

Jonah 2:8-9 (NKJV) –

<sup>8</sup> “Those who regard worthless idols  
Forsake their own Mercy.

<sup>9</sup> But I will sacrifice to You  
With the voice of thanksgiving;  
I will pay what I have vowed.  
Salvation *is* of the LORD.”

Malachi 1:6-8 (NLT) –

<sup>6</sup> The LORD of Heaven's Armies says to the priests: “A son honors his father, and a servant respects his master. If I am your father and master, where are the honor and respect I deserve? You have shown contempt for my name!

“But you ask, ‘How have we ever shown contempt for your name?’

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<sup>7</sup> “You have shown contempt by offering defiled sacrifices on my altar.

“Then you ask, ‘How have we defiled the sacrifices?’”

“You defile them by saying the altar of the LORD deserves no respect. <sup>8</sup> When you give blind animals as sacrifices, isn’t that wrong? And isn’t it wrong to offer animals that are crippled and diseased? Try giving gifts like that to your governor, and see how pleased he is!” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.

Malachi 3:10-11 (NKJV) – <sup>10</sup> Bring all the tithes into the storehouse....<sup>11</sup> “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes....” Says the LORD of hosts.

Jeremiah 50:25 (NKJV) – The LORD has opened His armory, And has brought out the weapons of His indignation.

### **A. What is the best offering?**

#### **1) Without blemish or defect (Lev. 22:19-20).**

Leviticus 22:18-19 (NKJV) – <sup>19</sup> *you shall offer* of your own free will a male without blemish from the cattle, from the sheep, or from the goats. <sup>20</sup> Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV) – <sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Ephesians 5:27 (NKJV) – <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, <sup>26</sup> that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup> that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

#### **2) Not blind (Lev. 22:22).**

Leviticus 22:22 (NKJV) – Those *that are* blind or broken or maimed, or have an ulcer or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them on the altar to the LORD.

Revelation 5:6 (NKJV) – And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and

seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

- 3) **Not broken (Lev. 22:22).**
- 4) **Not maimed (Lev. 22:22).**
- 5) **No ulcer (Lev. 22:22).**
- 6) **No eczema or scabs (Lev. 22:22).**
- 7) **Virile (Lev 22:24).**

Leviticus 22:24 (NKJV) – <sup>24</sup> ‘You shall not offer to the LORD what is bruised or crushed, or torn or cut; nor shall you make *any offering of them* in your land. <sup>25</sup> Nor from a foreigner’s hand shall you offer any of these....”

#### **B. The Free-will Offering (Leviticus 22:18-19).**

Leviticus 22:18-19 (NKJV) – <sup>18</sup> “Speak to Aaron and his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, who offers his sacrifice for any of his vows or for any of his freewill offerings, which they offer to the LORD as a burnt offering—<sup>19</sup> *you shall offer* of your own free will a male without blemish from the cattle, from the sheep, or from the goats.

John 10:17-18 (NLT) – <sup>17</sup> “**The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again.** <sup>18</sup> **No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”**

#### **C. The Gracious Offering (Leviticus 22:26-28).**

Leviticus 22:26-28 (NKJV) – <sup>26</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>27</sup> “When a bull or a sheep or a goat is born, it shall be seven days with its mother; and from the eighth day and thereafter it shall be accepted as an offering made by fire to the LORD. <sup>28</sup> Whether it is a cow or ewe, do not kill both her and her young on the same day.

God does not want us to have a calloused attitude toward animals or toward our sacrifices.

- A lamb and its baby cannot be sacrificed on the same day.
- Israel could not take a bird and its eggs on the same day (Deut. 22:6-7).

- You cannot cook a goat in its mother's milk (Exodus 23:19).
- Israel could not wantonly destroy trees (Det. 20:19-20).
- Noah was commanded to preserve every kind of animal from the flood (Gen. 6:19-20).

## II. The Best Offer-er.

Leviticus 22:3 (NKJV) – Say to them: ‘Whoever of all your descendants throughout your generations, who goes near the holy things which the children of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he has **uncleanness upon him**, that person shall be cut off from My presence: I *am* the LORD.

**The Lord has made a way for you to be pure before Him.**

### **Wash with water. (Leviticus 22:6-8)**

**Leviticus 22:6-8** (NKJV) <sup>6</sup> the person who has touched any such thing shall be unclean until evening, and shall not eat the holy *offerings* unless he washes his body with water. <sup>7</sup> And when the sun goes down he shall be clean; and afterward he may eat the holy *offerings*, because it *is* his food. <sup>8</sup> Whatever dies *naturally* or is torn *by beasts* he shall not eat, to defile himself with it: I *am* the LORD.

**Romans 6:1-4** (NKJV) <sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? <sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were **buried with Him through baptism** into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

**Matthew 3:13-17** (NKJV) –

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?”

<sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered and said to him, “**Permit *it to be so now*, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**” Then he allowed Him.

<sup>16</sup> When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

<sup>17</sup> And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.