



## Lesson 22 – The Peace-Offering

### Read Leviticus 3

1) What was Jesus' wish for you and me?

**John 14:27** Peace I leave with you, my peace I \_\_\_\_\_ unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be \_\_\_\_\_, neither let it be afraid.

The whole world is seeking peace. Nations are fighting for it, and thousands of men are selling their souls to obtain riches in the vain hope that riches will bring them peace and happiness. But there is no real, abiding peace except that which comes from the great Prince of Peace; and it is never received as the reward of war and bloodshed nor the grasping greed of the world. The last legacy the Saviour gave His disciples was a legacy of peace.

The abiding peace of God in the heart is not obtained in the pursuit of worldly fame or riches. The peace-offering in the Levitical service beautifully taught, in type and shadow, how to obtain this coveted treasure. In many respects, the peace-offering was different from all the other offerings. It was the only offering, except the Passover, in which the people could eat of the flesh. Unlike the Passover, it was not confined to only one day of the year, but could be celebrated at any time.

2) What was the acceptable sacrifice brought as the Peace-Offering?

**Leviticus 3:1** And if his oblation be a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offer it of the herd; whether it be a male or female, he shall offer it without \_\_\_\_\_ before the LORD.

*Note: An oblation is an offering.*

The animals for peace-offerings were chosen from the herd or the flock. They were to be without blemish, for no deformed animal could fitly represent the Prince of Peace.

3) What were the rules concerning the Peace-Offering?

**Leviticus 7:11-12** And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer unto the LORD. If he offer it for a \_\_\_\_\_, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried.

**Leviticus 7:16** But if the sacrifice of his offering be a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same \_\_\_\_\_ that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten:

4) What did Moses offer up before his big meeting on Mount Sinai?

**Exodus 24:5** And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed \_\_\_\_\_ offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

The peace offerings were made in token of thanksgiving, to confirm a vow or contract, and as voluntary offerings. It was a peace-offering with which Moses confirmed the old covenant with Israel.



- 5) What did David include when the Ark was brought back to the tent that he pitched for it?

**1 Chronicles 16:1-2** So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and \_\_\_\_\_ offerings before God. And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

In times of special rejoicing, as we read in the Old Testament, the peace-offering was celebrated. When David brought the ark into Jerusalem, he offered peace-offerings and **“dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh.” (1 Chronicles 16:3)**

- 6) What was placed upon the altar as part of the Peace-Offering?

**Leviticus 7:31** And the priest shall burn the \_\_\_\_\_ upon the altar: but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'.

The peace-offering was often associated with the other offerings; and wherever, except in the Passover feast, the people ate of the flesh, it was the peace-offering that was celebrated. The individual who offered the peace-offering laid his hands on the head of the animal and then slew it. Afterward, he separated all the fat from the different organs of the body, and the priest burned the fat upon the altar of burnt-offering. Not only was the fat given to the priest, but also the breast, the right shoulder, and the **“two cheeks”** of every offering. The fat symbolized sin, the person offering the peace-offering was to remove sin from their lives, the removing of the fat of the slain animal symbolized that.

- 7) What did Jesus do for us?

**Galatians 1:3-4** Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

The separation and burning of the fat typified the only way real peace can be obtained; by delivering all our sins to the rightful owner. The Prince of Peace, the blessed Saviour, **“gave Himself for our sins.”** He purchased them that He might destroy sin and give us peace. This was fittingly typified by the priest **“who served unto the example and shadow of heavenly things,”** taking the fat from the hands of the one making the peace-offering, and burning it upon the altar. The priest waved the breast and the shoulder before the Lord, then they were eaten by the priest as his portion of the peace-offering. The disposition of the fat, the breast, and the right shoulder reveal the secret of obtaining peace. The one who obtains peace must separate from sin, and then lean, like the beloved disciple, upon the bosom of the Saviour. When Christ told His twelve disciples that one of them would betray Him, they were afraid to ask Him who it was. They hardly knew their true relationship to the Saviour; but John, leaning upon His bosom,



could look up into His face and say, **“Who is it, Lord?”** He felt confident that he would never betray his Lord.

8) The prophet Isaiah told us about Jesus, what did he say?

**Isaiah 40:11** He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his \_\_\_\_\_, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

The prophet Isaiah understood the meaning in the presentation of the breast of every peace-offering to the priest, for in writing of the Saviour he says, **“He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the Lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom.”** The child of God today, who, like John the beloved disciple, leans on the bosom of his Lord, enjoys the real peace of God of which the peace-offering was only a type.

9) What was another of Jesus' prophecies in Isaiah?

**Isaiah 9:6** For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his \_\_\_\_\_: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

In the antitype of the priest receiving the right shoulder of every peace-offering, there is strength and blessing. Notice, it is the one who realizes that Christ is his personal Saviour, and who lets the government of his affairs rest upon His shoulder, that receives never-ending peace. The reason we so often fail to receive abiding peace when we come to God is that we go no farther than if the individual in the type had given the priest no other portion than the fat. We confess our sins to Christ, and He takes them, but we give our confidence to worldly friends; we do not lean upon the bosom of the Lord, and make Him our confidant in everything, and trust Him to clear the way before us, as the shepherd cares for his lambs. We do not let the government of our affairs rest upon His strong and mighty shoulder.

10) What else was given to the priest as part of the Peace-Offering?

**Deuteronomy 18:3** And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep; and they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two \_\_\_\_\_, and the maw.

*Note: in the King James Version, the maw is the jawbone.*

11) What did Isaiah also prophesy that Jesus would do?

**Isaiah 50:6** I gave my back to the smiters, and my \_\_\_\_\_ to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

The great antitypical Prince of Peace could say, **“I gave . . . my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not My face from shame and spitting.”** And to the one who would enjoy the peace that the world can neither give nor take away, He says, **“I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek turn to him the other also.”** (Matthew 5:39)



Unleavened cakes anointed with oil were eaten with the peace-offering. The unleavened bread indicated sincerity and truth, and oil is used as an emblem of the Holy Spirit, which brings peace to the heart.

12) What was not allowed in regard to the Peace-Offering?

**Leviticus 7:18** And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten at all on the \_\_\_\_\_ day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity.

The Passover and waving of first-fruits on the third day taught the resurrection; but the priest alone entered the temple, and waved the handful of grain, in type of the resurrection of Christ; while in the peace-offering every child of God was given the opportunity to show his faith in the resurrection of Christ. If one ate of the flesh upon the third day, it indicated that he counted the Anti-type of his peace-offering still dead upon that day. On the other hand, the one who refused to eat the flesh upon the third day, and burned in the fire all that was left, showed his faith in a risen Saviour.

There are many people today who long for peace and claim to feast upon God and His Word day by day, and yet they stumble along in darkness; because, like the one in the type, who ate of the flesh the third day, thus signifying that he believed the Lord still dead, they go through life mourning as if the Lord of life and glory were still lying dead in Joseph's tomb instead of being alive in Heaven at the right hand of the Father, ready to send light and help to every trusting follower here upon the earth.

13) What words from Jesus do we need to hear?

**Revelation 1:18** I am he that \_\_\_\_\_, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for \_\_\_\_\_, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.



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Christ is our peace. Eph. 2:14.

Lev. 3:1. The peace-offering must be without blemish.	1 John 3:5. No sin in Christ.
Lev. 7:29, 30. Fat was separated from the offering. Fat was a type of sin. Ps. 37:20.	2 Cor. 13:5. "Examine yourselves; . . . prove your own selves."
Lev. 7:31. The fat was burned.	Matt. 25:41. Sin and sinners to be burned.
Lev. 7:32, 33. The shoulder was the priest's portion.	Isa. 9:6; Luke 15:5. The government shall be upon Christ's shoulder.
Lev. 7:31. "The breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'."	Isa. 40:11. "He shall . . . carry them (the lambs) in His bosom."
Deut. 18:3. The two cheeks were given to the priest.	Matt. 26:67; Isa. 50:6. They spit in the Saviour's face.
Lev. 7:15, 16. Flesh could be eaten the first and second days.	1 Cor. 15:3, 4. Christ lay in the grave the first and second days.
Lev. 7:17, 18. None of the flesh was to be eaten the third day.	Matt. 28:6; Luke 24:21. The third day the angel over the empty tomb said, "He is not here: for He is risen."

Can you see how real peace comes from Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in being at peace? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you now ask Him now to give you His peace? \_\_\_\_\_