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## Leviticus Chapter 3 The degradation Of The Law

Today as we move through Leviticus chapter 3, we are going to be introduced to what is known as the “*peace offering*”, and the peace offering is once again different than the burnt offering of Leviticus chapter 1, or the grain offering of Leviticus chapter 2.

What I’d like for us to understand before we ever even read Leviticus chapter 3 is that as we study the book of Leviticus, we’re going to find that many of these sacrificial offerings that we see in the book of Leviticus were also being done in some form or fashion to serve or to please other pagan gods throughout history as well.

What we need to understand is that all of the world’s religions essentially came from one source. And this is exactly why many of these sacrificial offerings, and traditions, and rituals can all seem very much alike, and we’re going to be flushing out some of these things as we continue our walk through the book of Leviticus, and were going to be showing you that what we’re reading here in the book of Leviticus had already been established clear back during the days of Adam and Eve.

I’m always amazed at how some so-called “*biblical scholars*” and modern-day professing Christians will proudly proclaim that the law of Moses was established during the days of Moses. The problem with that assumption is that Adam and Eve could not have sinned in the garden of Eden unless the law had already been established and made known to them.

According to the Bible and the Bible alone in first John chapter 3 verse four the very definition of the word “*sin*”... is the transgression of the law. Therefore, if sin is the transgression of the law as the Scripture clearly tells us, then Adam and Eve could not have transgressed a law that did not exist. And therefore, if the law did not exist, Adam and Eve could not have sinned. Not to mention all of the evidence that our God breathed Scripture gives us about both Cain and Abel, and Noah and his family, and Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob all sacrificing to the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

All of the early patriarchs found in the book of Genesis were already in some form already doing what we are reading in the book of Leviticus in some form or fashion, and we’re going to prove that out today as we move forward in today’s study. But the point that I’m trying to make here, is that all worldly religions from Christianity to Judaism to Hinduism to Buddhism and all the rest... originally came from one source, and that source is indeed the Elohim of Israel, the

creator of the heavens and the earth.

We must remember that Noah and his family were the ones that repopulated the earth after the flood. And so, all the people of the earth are directly connected to Noah and his family. And even Noah and his family sacrificed and built altars to the Elohim of Israel who was the creator of the heavens and the earth. Noah and his family were well acquainted with the law of Yahovah and what Yahovah expected from them. And for those of us who have read the book from the beginning in the book of Genesis, we already know that much of what we see in the book of Leviticus was already being practiced in the days of Noah and even prior to Noah.

The distortion of these sacrificial commandments, and what they actually represent came over time as the hearts and in the minds of men once again grew evil just as they had before the flood when Yahovah's heart was grieved that he had ever even created man.

Yah had chosen Noah and his family because Noah was perfect in his generations. Noah had not been infiltrated by evil, either spiritually or physically. Genesis chapter 6 verse nine tells us that Noah was a just man and that he was perfect in his generations, and this is exactly why Yah had chosen him to reestablish mankind upon the face of the earth.

And it was from Noah and his family that mankind was regenerated upon the earth. Therefore... what Noah and his family knew concerning the law had already been established even before Noah. Cain and Abel came long before Noah, and both Cain and Abel knew how to properly sacrifice to Yahovah, and it is clearly written that Yahovah preferred the burnt offering of able over the grain offering of Cain. Why is all of this important?

It's important because we need to know unequivocally, that all of today's religions originally came from one source and that one source is Yahovah. The reason that we have all of these different man-made religions is because the hearts and in the minds of men had once again grown cold, and not all of our Fathers divine Council had stayed faithful to our Father in heaven. And I don't want to get into a whole study about our Fathers divine Council, other than to say that our Father in heaven has always had a divine counsel who has always been with him from the beginning in order to further his divine will.

We must remember that the little "g" god of this world that we find in second Corinthians chapter 4 has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel that was originally brought forth by Yahovah the one true Most High Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And we can read about this divine counsel of Yahovah all throughout the Bible in places like the book of Job, and the book of Psalms, and the book of Daniel, and the book of Jude, and the book of Revelation. All throughout the Bible we are clearly told about our Fathers divine Council who I might add... were not always faithful and just in what Yahovah had given them to do. And if you've never heard of the divine counsel of the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, a great place to start your study would indeed be in the book of Genesis, but I would also recommend looking at Psalms chapter 82 which gives us a

very clear picture of the fact that Yahovah sits and I quote, “*in his place in the divine counsel in the midst of the gods where he holds judgment*”. And this of course is something that today’s modern-day professing Christian is completely oblivious to because they are wrongfully and shamefully taught not to read their Bibles from the beginning of the book, they are wrongfully and shamefully taught that the Bible begins in the book of Matthew which completely hides the very identity of the very God that they say that they know and love and serve. And this my friends is a shame for everyone who calls themselves a Christian. We can not read half of the book, and then just assume that we know what’s in the book or what the book is about.

And so, as you watch many different documentaries from the history Channel, and National Geographic, and others, you’re going to find that throughout history many of these ancient pagan religions had taken from the original law of Yahovah the creator in the heavens of the earth, and they had mixed and mingled our Fathers law, and his commandments, and his sacrificial system, and even his judicial system, with other man-made religious systems. And we can even read about this happening at the tower of Babel with a man by the name of “*Nimrod*”.

It was the perverted worship that was occurring at the tower of Babel led by Nimrod that has flourished into what the Bible calls the “*Babylonian mystery religions*”. And this is exactly why these different pagan religions all have similar characteristics. Over the course of time throughout generations the god of this world did indeed blind the hearts and minds of the unbelievers, and did indeed lead them into the bondage of darkness which is once again far away from the truth.

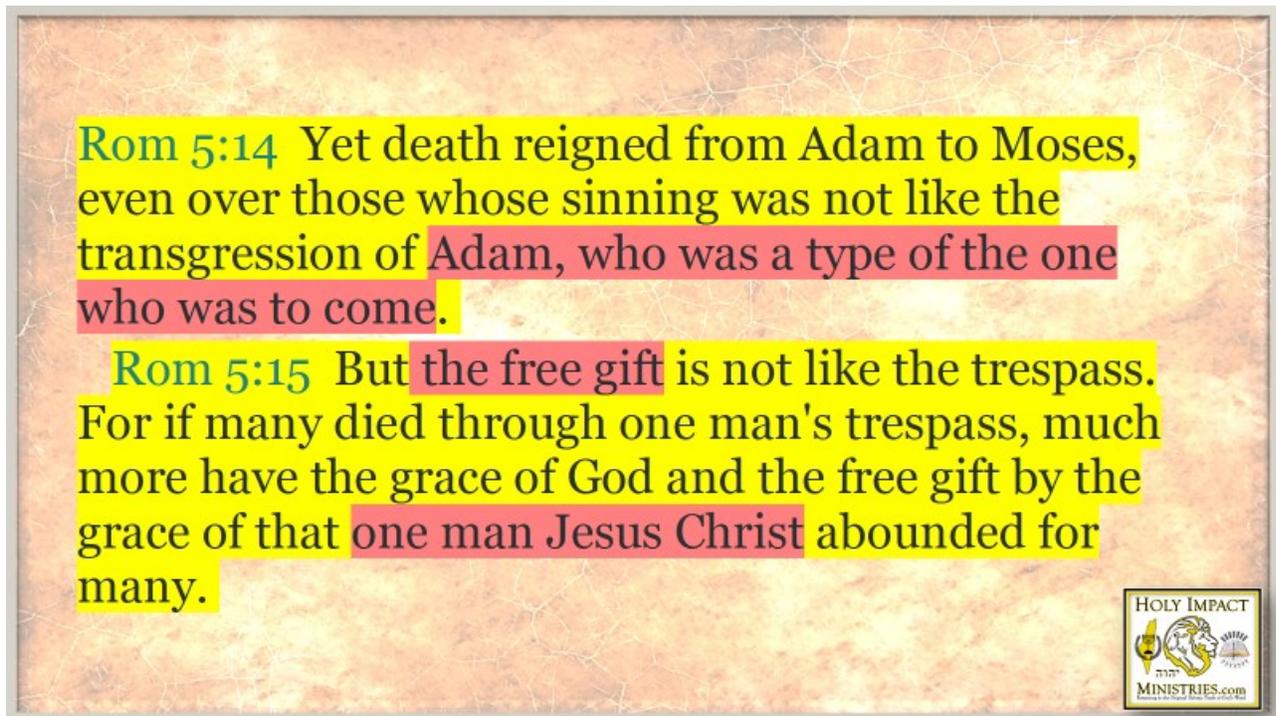
Modern-day Christianity by enlarge in of itself has followed right along with the god of this world and his pagan religious systems and his false church that he has built through a newfound man-made religion called “*Catholicism*” which stands in direct opposition to the truth of our God breathed Scripture by proclaiming itself high and far above what our Father in heaven has proclaimed in his God breathed Scripture.

Once again my friends, nothing has changed. Just as wise old King Solomon had once told us, there is nothing new under the sun. These pagan religions are a perversion of the original law laid down by the creator of the heavens and the earth in order to change the times and the law of the creator of the heavens and the earth. And this is exactly why many of these pagan religious systems practice things that are similar to what we see here in the book of Leviticus.

And were going to get a little bit more in detail concerning these things as we move forward, and I think that you will agree with me when I say that true Christianity that was established at creation in the book of Genesis, and runs through the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation, is exactly what all of these other pagan religions have stolen from, and twisted to their own destruction. True Christianity can be found within the pages of our Bibles, and it is this true form of Christianity that these pagan religions have taken from in order to re-establish their own man-made religions. True Christianity has not taken from the Pagans, the Pagans have taken from true Christianity. Just as Catholicism itself has taken from Christianity, and mixed

and mingled Christian verbiage and attributes in order to re-establish its own pagan religion which still to this very day practices its own Pagan feast days, holidays, sabbaths, precepts and appointments. And the reason that these false religions do these things is to steel the power and the glory of our Father away from him, and to gain power and authority for themselves.

And so, with that information under our belts we should be wise enough to not allow anyone to tell us that Christianity has taken after some other ancient pagan religion. On the contrary! Other ancient pagan religions have taken from Christianity. From the inception of the world, Christianity was born through Adam who was a type of the one who was to come. **Romans five:14-15 (scrn 1)**



And so, we see through our God breathed Scripture that Adam was a type of the one who was to come who is our Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach. What today's modern-day professing Christian needs to understand is that Catholicism is not Christianity. Nor is Protestantism Christianity. The Protestant church today protests against nothing, and has indeed become the daughter churches of Catholicism, keeping her first day of the week Sunday sabbaths, and her feast days, and her appointments and her precepts while all the while claiming not to be Catholic. Catholicism is its own religion; Catholicism is just that... it is indeed... Catholicism. And Catholicism is a far cry from true Christianity as designated, and sanctified, and ordained within the pages of our God breathed Scripture. Catholicism is indeed a pagan religion that has mixed and mingled our God breathed Scripture with pagan practices, traditions, rituals, feast days, and dogmas just like all other pagan religions have done. There is nothing new under the sun.

Just as Nimrod led mankind away from the truth of Yahovah, so too has the Pope of Rome led mankind away from the truth of Yahovah, and today's modern-day protestant churches who protest against absolutely nothing are nothing more than the daughters of Catholicism and their mother church of Rome whom they proclaim not to be part of... and yet... bows the knee to her pagan first day of the week Sunday Sabbath, Good Friday, Easter, Halloween (also known as all Saints day), Christ mass, and all the rest of her devilish debauchery.

You see my friends just as Solomon has already told us once again, there is nothing new under the sun. The Pope of Rome is indeed today's modern-day Nimrod, and just as Nimrod had cobbled together his own pagan practices, and rituals, and philosophical theologies in order to create a religion that was separate and apart from the worship of the creator of the heavens and the earth, so too has the Pope of Rome done the exact same thing today in our time. And its global tentacles wrap all around the face of the earth today. We must remember that it is written that the devil loves to dress himself up as an Angel of light, and so do his ministers, and this is exactly what the Pope of Rome has done to Christianity. He has cloaked the truth of God's word under the façade of a false Christianity that has literally fooled if possible... even the very elect. And so, keep these things in mind as we continue to read through the book of Leviticus and the sacrificial offerings which look very similar to the pagan sacrificial offerings that the pagans were offering to their false gods. Know and understand where the pagan religions got the idea of these pagan sacrifices from, and know and understand the differences between them.

And once again, we will come back to this as we continue to move forward throughout our studies so that we can firmly established the fact that Yahovah, and his righteousness, and his law, and his commandment and precepts and appointments were exactly what these pagan ideologies, and commandments, and precepts were formed from. Christianity is not the copy of the mystery Babylonian religions... the mystery Babylonian religions are copy of Christianity. How do I know that? Because my God breathed Scriptures proclaim it, and it is these God breathed Scriptures that are the foundation and bedrock upon which I stand. And you should too.

And with that, I think that we are ready to turn to Leviticus chapter 3 so that we can read through it word for word and know exactly what it says, and just as importantly... What it does not say. **Leviticus chapter 3: E1**

**Lev 3:1** *"If his offering is a sacrifice of **peace offering**, if he offers an animal from the herd, male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD.*

**Lev 3:2** *And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and kill it at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and Aaron's sons the priests shall throw the blood against the sides of the altar.*

**Lev 3:3** *And from the sacrifice of **the peace offering**, as a food offering to the LORD, he shall offer the fat covering the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails,*

**Lev 3:4** *and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins, and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove with the kidneys.*

*Lev 3:5* Then Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar on top of the burnt offering, which is on the wood on the fire; it is a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

*Lev 3:6* “If his offering for a sacrifice of **peace offering** to the LORD is an animal from the flock, male or female, he shall offer it without blemish.

*Lev 3:7* If he offers a lamb for his offering, then he shall offer it before the LORD,

*Lev 3:8* lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it in front of the tent of meeting; and Aaron's sons shall throw its blood against the sides of the altar.

*Lev 3:9* Then from the sacrifice of **the peace offering** he shall offer as a food offering to the LORD its fat; he shall remove the whole fat tail, cut off close to the backbone, and the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails

*Lev 3:10* and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove with the kidneys.

*Lev 3:11* And the priest shall burn it on the altar as a food offering to the LORD.

*Lev 3:12* “If his offering is a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD

*Lev 3:13* and lay his hand on its head and kill it in front of the tent of meeting, and the sons of Aaron shall throw its blood against the sides of the altar.

*Lev 3:14* Then he shall offer from it, as his offering for a food offering to the LORD, the fat covering the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails

*Lev 3:15* and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove with the kidneys.

*Lev 3:16* And the priest shall burn them on the altar as a food offering with a pleasing aroma. **All fat is the LORD's.**

*Lev 3:17* It shall be **a statute forever throughout your generations**, in all your dwelling places, **that you eat neither fat nor blood.**”

Once again, Leviticus chapter 3 introduces us to a third offering called “*the peace offering*” (also known as the Zevah offering in Hebrew) and what’s interesting about the peace offering is that if you look at the original Hebrew word for peace offering, you will find that it is the Hebrew word “*shalem*” which comes from the Hebrew word “*shalom*”. And although most modern-day Christians don’t realize it, shalom has a much broader and deeper meaning than to simply say “*hello*”, or “*how’s it going*”. Shalom carries with it the idea of being a gracious greeting of being at peace, of possessing well-being, and of brotherly love and fellowship all at the same time. And the very idea that the word shalom is directly related to the peace offering should greatly enhance our ability to better understand what the peace offering is all about.

And something that we want to make very clear here is the fact that the house of Israel was not giving this peace offering (this shelem offering) in order to atone for some kind of sin that they had committed. This particular peace offering was given for thanksgiving, it could also be offered as a vow offering, and it could also be offered as a free will offering which we’ll get into as we move forward, but the peace offering was never about the atonement of sin.

And so, once again the first three offerings that we see in the book of Leviticus from chapters 1 through three still have nothing to do with the atonement of sin. But these three offerings do have much to do with the reconciliation between the God of Israel, and the house of Israel. These first three offerings have everything to do with the obedience of the house of Israel in their efforts to show the God of Israel that he is indeed their God, and that they are indeed his people. These first three sacrificial offerings were to bring not only the nation of the house of Israel closer to Yahovah, but they were also designed to bring each individual closer to Yahovah. And this is important for us to see.

Something else that I want us to notice about this peace offering that we see in Leviticus chapter 3 and how it is different from the first two offerings is that this particular peace offering was not only eaten by the priests, but it was also eaten by the worshiper. In other words, if you brought a peace offering to Yahovah you could eat it in the presence of God himself and his priests. Think about that for just a moment. The burnt offering and the grain offering was to be offered by the worshiper at the door of the tent of meeting, and it was to be slaughtered, and then the priest would take the blood and throw it on the side of the brazen altar, and only a handful of grain was to be taken from the grain offering and burned up on the brazen altar, and a portion of these first two offerings was then given to Aaron and his sons for food to eat before Yahovah. And once again, this was a holy meal, and so Aaron and his sons had to eat this particular meat and grain offering within the confines of the tabernacle. In other words, they could not take it home and eat it, they had to eat it right there in the place that was holy to Yahovah because that meat in of itself was holy to Yahovah.

But here in the peace offering we see that not only are Aaron and his sons given a portion of this offering to eat, but also the worshiper. And so here we have a picture of the worshiper, and the priest, dining in the presence of Yahovah in fellowship together. Does this remind you of anything in particular?

Our High Priest in the order of Melkisedeck is our Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach, and it is he that invites us through his sacrifice to come before the Father to be reconciled to him along with himself and all of mankind. This meal will once again take place at the wedding supper of the Lamb at the end of the age, and it will be when we sit and dine with him at the supper, that our crown of salvation will be made secure.

As we study the peace offering, let us remember that it is our Father in heaven who has offered mankind a peace offering in the form of his only begotten Son, a ransom so that... man can once again be reconciled back to Yahovah as a true son of God just as our Messiah is a Son of God. And just as our Messiah has sat down on the throne with his Father, so too will we sit on the throne with our Messiah. Not says I, but says our Messiah in **Revelation 3:21-22 (scrn 2)**

**Rev 3:21** The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

**Rev 3:22** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”



The peace offering in of itself has a threefold objective. The peace offering can be made for Thanksgiving, the peace offering can be made as a vow offering, or the peace offering can be made as a free will offering. And let us keep in mind... that our Messiah fulfilled all three of these attributes at the cross as an example to us. And the commandment concerning the peace offering and exactly when, and what it is to be offered for can be found in **Leviticus 7:11-20 E4**

**Lev 7:11** “And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings that one may offer to the LORD.

**Lev 7:12** If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the thanksgiving sacrifice unleavened loaves mixed with oil, unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and loaves of fine flour well mixed with oil.

**Lev 7:13** With the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving he shall bring his offering with loaves of leavened bread.

**Lev 7:14** And from it he shall offer one loaf from each offering, as a gift to the LORD. It shall belong to the priest who throws the blood of the peace offerings.

**Lev 7:15** And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten on the day of his offering. He shall not leave any of it until the morning.

**Lev 7:16** But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow offering or a freewill offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice, and on the next day what remains of it shall be eaten.

**Lev 7:17** But what remains of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned up with fire.

**Lev 7:18** If any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering is eaten on the third day, he who offers it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be credited to him. It is

*tainted, and he who eats of it shall bear his iniquity.*

*Lev 7:19 “Flesh that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned up with fire. All who are clean may eat flesh,*

*Lev 7:20 but the person who eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of the LORD's peace offerings while an uncleanness is on him, that person shall be cut off from his people.*

And so, here in Leviticus chapter 7 we see a much more detailed description of the peace offering and the three different ways that it can be executed and offered properly according to Yahovah himself. The peace offering can once again be used as an offering of thanksgiving, it can be used as a vow offering, and it can also be used as a free will offering, and we'll see this offering being made in several places throughout the Torah as we continue in our studies including the New Testament (we'll come back to this latter).

But I want us to once again think about is the three reasons that the peace offering is given. This peace offering tells our Father that we are thankful, and it allows us to enter into a vow or an agreement with him that says *“If you do this, then I will do that”*. And it also allows us to simply give him a gift as a free will offering. It allows us to take from the very best of what we have in order to give back to him. And so, this is a very profound offering that we find in the peace offering that is truly a threefold offering that does several different things to draw us near, and to reconcile us back to our Father in heaven which has everything to do with exactly what our Messiah did as an example for us to live by.

The peace offering was offered by thousands of people during the three annual feasts of Israel found in Exodus chapter 23 versus 14 through 17. Once again, the house of Israel was commanded to come before Yahovah three times in the year to keep a feast to him. The first one was the feast of unleavened bread which is also known as the Passover, the second one is the feast of Shavuot (also known as Pentecost), and the third one is in the fall called Sukkot (also known as the feast of Tabernacles). And it was during these three feasts that these free will offerings that we see in Leviticus chapters 1 through three were given by thousands of people each year at the wilderness tabernacle, and then later at the temple of Yahovah. **Numbers 29:39 (scrn 3)**

Num 29:39 “These you shall offer to the LORD at your appointed feasts, in addition to your vow offerings and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your grain offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.”



At the dedication of the Temple Solomon ordered 22,000 cattle and 120,000 sheep and goats as fellowship offerings over a period of 14 days. **First Kings 8:63-65 (scrn 4)**

1Ki 8:63 Solomon offered as peace offerings to the LORD 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. So the king and all the people of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

1Ki 8:64 The same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD, for there he offered the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat pieces of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before the LORD was too small to receive the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat pieces of the peace offerings.

1Ki 8:65 So Solomon held the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from Lebo-hamath to the Brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days.



And so once again we can see that the peace offering along with the burnt offering and the grain offering were all used extensively throughout the time that the wilderness tabernacle and the temple stood on earth. But I want us to also understand the spiritual implications of these sacrificial offerings that were by and large free will offerings made individually by each individual member of the house of Israel and what that means to us today in our time.

All three of these offerings were made as free will offerings that the house of Israel were continuously making to Yahovah for one of these reasons. Each and every day they recommitted themselves to him. Each and every day they came to the door of his tent of meeting to address him. Each and every day they were seeking out ways to please him, and to honor him, and to demonstrate their willful and intentional obedience to him. This is what these sacrificial offerings are all about.

These sacrificial offerings kept the focus of Yah's people on Yah and off of the world. And I would submit to you my friends that if we today would have the same tenacity in coming to the door of his tent to address him each and every day, to seek his face each and every day, to look for, and to find ways to please him and to honor him as our creator and our Father each and every day, and to demonstrate our willful and intentional obedience to him each and every day, we would have far less time to make ourselves friends of the world, and to be led astray by the god of this world who wants nothing more than to put us back into bondage and drag us back into the darkness that we were called out of.

These sacrificial offerings are so vitally important for us to understand today in our time because we too are also called to seek his face, and to call on him as our Father, and to honor him, and to worship him in the way that he chooses to be worshiped. Not to worship him in the way that we choose to worship him.

Today's modern-day version of Christianity shamefully and ignorantly attempt to worship our Father in heaven the way that they want to worship him. But nowhere within the confines of the 66 books of our Bibles do we ever hear our Father, or his only begotten Son ever commanding us to worship him... however we like. The commandment that comes straight out of our God breathed Scriptures is that we shall not add too... or take away from... his word. And he does not want to be worshiped like the pagans worship their gods. Listen closely to the words spoken by our Father in heaven found in **Deuteronomy 12:28-32 E4?**

*Deu 12:28 Be careful to obey all these words that I command you, that it may go well with you and with your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.*

*Deu 12:29 "When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land,*

*Deu 12:30 take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same.'*

*Deu 12:31 You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.*

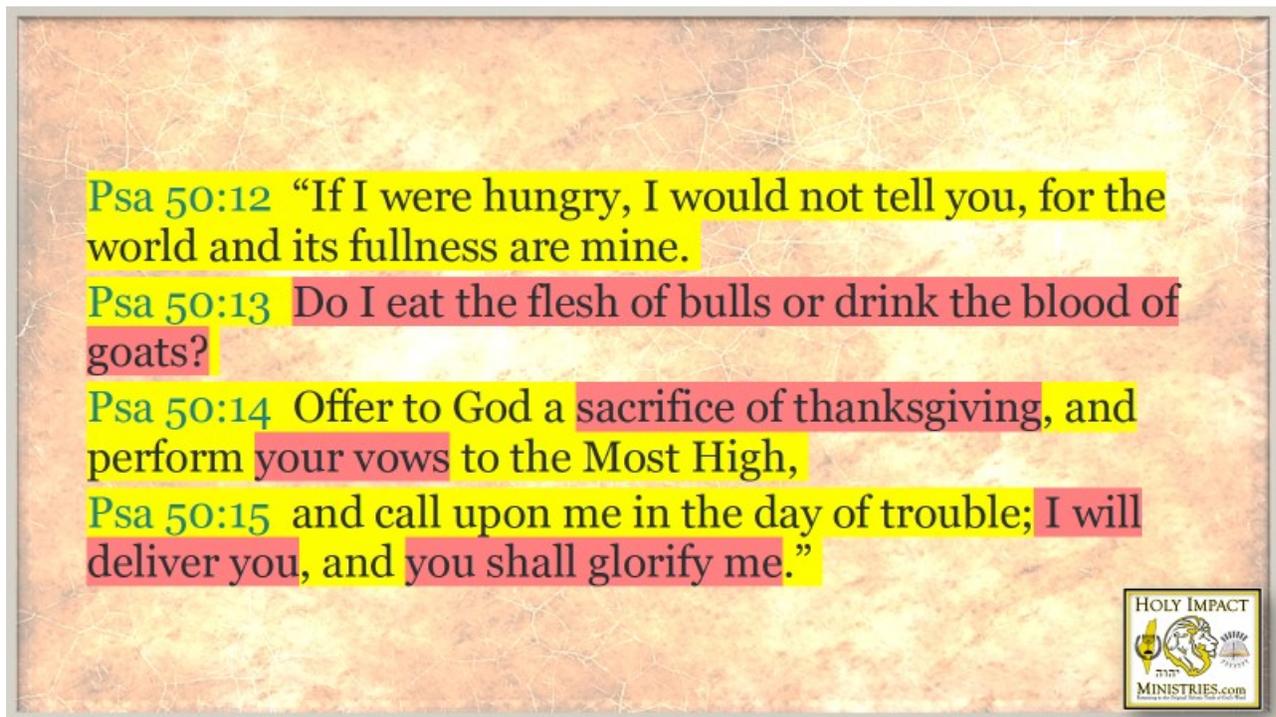
*Deu 12:32 "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall*

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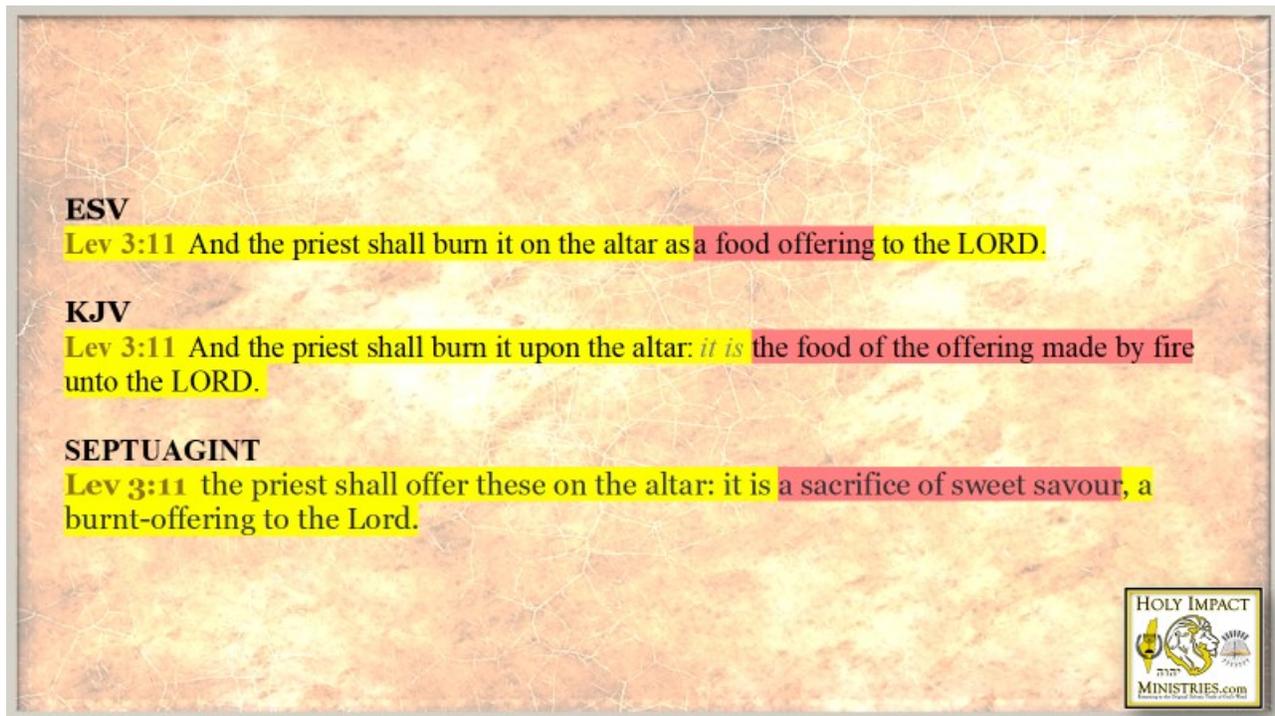
Clearly the example that we find within our God breathed Scripture calls us to seek his face and to worship him daily, not weekly or monthly or yearly. How many modern-day professing Christians are there out there today who only come to church on Easter Sunday morning once a year? How many modern-day professing Christians are there out in the world today who actually pray several times a day as they should? How many modern-day professing Christians are seeking him every day, calling on him every day, worshipping him every day, paying him the due respect and honor and glory that he deserves every day, looking for ways to please him every day?

I would submit to you my friends that if the world would pay attention to our Father in heaven daily the way that he commands us to do here in the book of Leviticus, we would have far less time to be involved with the debauchery and darkness of this world. Just food for thought.

Something else that I want to draw to our attention is this idea of a food offering to Yahovah. Many of our English translated Bibles will call this offering and others a “*food offering to Yahovah*”, but the truth is... that this is not by any means food for Yahovah. Yahovah does not need us to feed him. **Psalms 50:12-15 (scrn 5)**



Let’s take a look at a few parallel scriptures. (Show scrn 6)



Here in the English standard version of the Bible in Leviticus chapter 3 verse 11 we are told that the priest shall burn it on the altar as a food offering to Yahovah. This my friends is an absolutely terrible translation from the Hebrew into the English language. Just as we've already read in Psalms chapter 50, Yahovah does not eat the flesh of Bulls nor does he drink the blood of goats. The whole premise of sacrificing animals on the brazen altar and then burning them with fire was to once again create a **pleasing aroma** to Yahovah. It was not so that Yahovah could eat the flesh of Bulls or to drink the blood of goats.

If we take a close look at the King James version of Leviticus chapter 3 verse 11, we can see that it reads a little bit more correctly when it says that and I quote, "*it is the food of the offering made by fire unto Yahovah*". And the Septuagint once again gives us a much, much more accurate rendering in English when it says and I quote, "*it is a sacrifice of sweet savor a burnt offering to Yahovah*".

You see once again my friends it's all about the smoke, not the actual flesh as a food offering. Yahovah does not physically eat this or any other offering. But this was indeed the case when it came to pagan sacrifices. If you will remember correctly when we started this study, I told you that the world's pagan religions had taken from the commandment of Yahovah, and twisted it into their own perverted religions. And this is exactly what we see in the 16th chapter of the book of Ezekiel. **Ezekiel 16:20 (scrn 7)**

**Eze 16:20** And you took your sons and your daughters, whom you had borne to me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured (*akal*). Were your whorings so small a matter

**Eze 16:21** that you slaughtered my children and delivered them up as an offering by fire to them?



And the Hebrew word for devoured here in verse 20 is once again... the Hebrew word “*akal*” which means to consume or to devour or to eat. And so, once again we see the demonic twisting between the original offerings given to Yahovah as a pleasing aroma, and the pagan offerings given to their gods to devour or to eat. And the children of Israel at that time had been so backslidden, and so blinded by the nations around them and the world, that they were actually giving their children over as food to these pagan gods. And this is exactly what happens when we are not careful to do as Yah has commanded us to do, and to keep Yah and his word in our sites and in our minds... **daily**.

I do however want us to know that just like in the English standard version of the Bible, these sacrifices were sometimes metaphorically called “*food offerings to Yahovah*” in the sense that they were food offerings from the house of Israel as gifts to Yahovah that he received from them. Not that they were food for him to eat. And this is important for us to remember. Once again my friends God is not a man, God is spirit and he is looking for those to worship him in both spirit and in truth. Not says I, but says our God breathed Scripture.

With all of that being said some will I’m sure, automatically recall when Yahovah appeared to Abraham as a man, and sat down and ate food with Abraham. Once again, it should be clear to all of us that Yahovah is a spirit who can enter into a man, and clothe himself with flesh if he chooses to do so. The spirit of Yah entered into Yeshua, his spirit entered into David, his spirit enters into all of us... but that does not make us God. And this does not mean that he is a man. The Bible tells us very clearly that Yahovah is not a man. **Numbers 23:19 (scrn 9)**

**Num 23:19** God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?



Clearly God is not a man, but Yahovah can indeed enter into his creation because he is a spirit. Yahovah has appeared as a burning bush, he has appeared as the wind that parted the seas, he has appeared as smoke within the temple, he has appeared as a thick dark cloud over the Tabernacle, he has appeared as both thick darkness and a bright light, he has appeared as an Angel, and yes... he has appeared even as a man. But this does not make Yahovah a burning Bush, or a cloud, or smoke, or wind, or an Angel, or a man. Yahovah, the creator of the heavens and the earth is a Spirit. And I would submit to you my friends that those who try to encapsulate our Father by putting him into a box that explains him... do themselves and others... no service. Our Father is much bigger than the human mind can possibly even imagine.

Once again, let's be clear... Yahovah is a spirit. **John 4:23-24 (scrn 9)**

**Joh 4:23** But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

**Joh 4:24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”



Clearly there are many metaphors that can be found within the pages of our God breathed Scripture. “*A food offering for Yahovah*” is simply an English translated metaphor. Just as it is said that our Father in heaven will separate the sheep from the goats, this does not mean that goats are evil in a physical sense. And just as Leven or yeast is often times used as a metaphor for sin, this does not make yeast or leaven sinful in a physical sense. These things are used as metaphors to help us understand the higher spiritual meanings of things that Yahovah wants us to understand. In other words, it’s Yah’s way of dumbing things down for us to understand in our little human childlike minds.

And with all of this being said, I want us to understand that understanding these sacrificial offerings in the book of Leviticus will greatly help us to understand what is happening in the New Testament where many of these sacrificial offerings are being talked about. For instance, in the book of Acts chapter 21 the apostle Paul is told by James and the elders at Jerusalem to pay for the sacrificial offerings of four men who had taken a Nazarite vow. James and the elders at Jerusalem were telling Paul to pay for the type of peace offering that was related to a vow offering that we just read about here in Leviticus chapter 3. And once again, the very reason that James and the elders at Jerusalem were telling Paul to pay for this peace offering for these four men was to prove to the Jews in Jerusalem that Paul himself always lived in observance of the law. And you can read that for yourself in the book of Acts chapter 21 verse 24. That in of itself is another whole study that we won’t get into here today other than to say once again that by studying the Old Testament and the book of Leviticus... your understanding of the New Testament will be greatly expanded.

And with all of that being said, we are now ready to move into Leviticus chapter 4 next Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard time right here on Holy Impact Ministries Bible

study night.

But before we say goodbye this evening I would like to once again ask everyone within the sound of my voice to please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head, bend your knee, and face the holy promise land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true... or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door, and on his door alone, and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom together.