

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – March 18, 2018

Announcements

- We are starting week 2 in the Holy Word for Morning Revival on “The Crystallization-Study of Leviticus”. Please pick up a copy in the bookroom.
- We will read messages 7-9 in the Life-Study of Leviticus.
- Registration for the Summer Training is due by May 1; please sign up with the bookroom.
- There is a blending conference in Missoula, March 24-25
- The new phone list is on the counter, please pick up a copy.
- Wednesday night ministry webcast 7:30 pm at the following locations:
 - Andy Wu - Redmond, (206) 617-7767, in English
 - Smith - South Bellevue, (206) 914-3447, in English
 - Miyake - Central Bellevue, (425) 451-7294, in English
 - Kim - South Bellevue, (714) 213-5213, in Korean
 - Lancaster - Kenmore, (206) 724-4535, in English
 - Wang - South Bellevue, (425) 653-2249, in Chinese

Burdens for Prayer

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lord’s Table meeting • Germany • Dormant saints | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH Brothers Retreat • Missoula Conference |
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This Week: March 19 – March 25

Morning Revival: *The Crystallization Study of Leviticus*, Week 2

Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Redmond
Upstairs – Downtown

Tuesday	10:00 am	Sisters’ prayer meeting
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Corporate prayer meeting
Saturday	8:30 am	Breakfast
Lord’s Day	9:30 am	Lord’s Table

March

23-25	Junior high boys retreat
24-25	Conference in Missoula, Montana

April

21-22	6 th Grade Retreat
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Ministry Reading Portion

LIFE-STUDY OF LEVITICUS

THE BURNT OFFERING CHRIST FOR GOD'S SATISFACTION

EXPERIENCING CHRIST IN HIS EXPERIENCE AND OFFERING THE CHRIST WE HAVE EXPERIENCED, AND OFFERING HIM TO GOD AS OUR BURNT OFFERING ACCORDING TO OUR EXPERIENCE OF HIM

Much of what we have covered in the foregoing messages on the burnt offering has been doctrinal. Therefore, I have the burden that we would see this offering in an experiential way. In this message we shall consider Christ in His experiences as the burnt offering to God. In the following message we shall consider our experiences of Christ in His experiences.

The second part of the title of this message is unusual, even peculiar: "Experiencing Christ in His Experiences and Offering the Christ We Have Experienced, and Offering Him to God as Our Burnt Offering according to Our Experiences of Him." This part of the title has three points. The first point is experiencing Christ in His experiences; the second is offering the Christ we have experienced; and the third is offering Christ to God as our burnt offering according to our experiences of Him. Here we would emphasize the fact that we cannot offer to God a Christ whom we have not experienced. If you try to offer as a burnt offering to God a Christ whom you have not experienced, you will discover that this is impossible. What we offer of Christ as the burnt offering must be according to our experience. If we have experienced Christ as a bull, then we can offer Him as a bull. But if we have experienced Christ only as two pigeons, we cannot offer Him as a bull, for we have not experienced Him as a bull. We cannot offer as a burnt offering to God a Christ who is greater than the Christ we have experienced. We have to offer Christ to God, but we must offer Christ according to our experiences of Him.

I. CHRIST IN HIS EXPERIENCES AS THE BURNT OFFERING TO GOD

Let us now consider Christ in His experiences as the burnt offering to God, covering a number of verses that reveal different aspects of Christ's experiences. Christ experienced many things in order to be a burnt offering for God.

A. Being Brought to the Slaughter

Isaiah 53:7 prophesied that Christ would be brought to the slaughter. “He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter.” The fulfillment of this prophecy can be seen in Matthew 27:31, where we are told that the soldiers “led Him away to crucify Him.”

Another New Testament verse which refers to Christ’s being brought to the slaughter is Philippians 2:8, a verse which tells us that Christ became obedient “even unto death, and that the death of a cross.” Christ was obedient as He was brought outside the city to the place of the slaughter— Golgotha.

B. Being Slaughtered

After Pilate had judged the Lord Jesus and had found Him innocent, he wanted to release Him. But the people were shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” (Luke 23:21), and their voices prevailed. Pilate, being fearful and wanting to please the crowd, sentenced the Lord Jesus to death. The Lord was then brought to the place of slaughter and was slaughtered on the cross. In Acts 2:23 Peter refers to this. “This man...you, through the hand of lawless men, nailed to the cross and killed.” For them to kill the Lord Jesus means that they slaughtered Him.

Many years ago I read an article about how the Jews slew the lamb on the day of Passover. According to this article, a lamb was put on two wooden stakes that were arranged in the shape of a cross, with two feet attached to one stake and two feet attached to the cross bar. The lamb was then killed. This indicates that the Lord’s crucifixion may have been a fulfillment of the way, in type, the Passover lamb was slaughtered.

C. Being Skinned (Stripped)

Christ was also skinned, stripped of the outward appearance of His human virtues. One example of this skinning is in Matthew 11:19. “The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a wine drinker.” Such a word spoken about the Lord Jesus stripped Him of the appearance of His virtues. He was not a gluttonous man or a wine drinker; on the contrary, He was a proper man with proper conduct.

Other examples of skinning, of stripping, are found in Mark 3:22 and John 8:48. In Mark 3:22 the scribes said of the Lord Jesus, “He has Beelzebub, and by the ruler of the demons He casts out the demons.” Beelzebub means “the lord of the flies” and refers to Satan, the Devil. Flies are living, but they are unclean. The scribes were saying that the

Lord Jesus was unclean and that He cast out demons by the lord, the king, of the flies. What slander! In John 8:48 the Jews said to Him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” A Samaritan is a person of mixed blood. Thus, the Lord Jesus was accused of being a person of mixture and of having a demon. This also was a kind of stripping.

In Matthew 26:65 the high priest said of the Lord Jesus, “He has blasphemed!... Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy.” This too was a stripping of the outward expression of the Lord’s human virtues.

Finally, when the Lord Jesus was about to be slaughtered, He was stripped of His clothing (Matt. 27:28). How shameful this was! Furthermore, when the soldiers had crucified Him, “they divided His garments among them, casting lots” (v. 35). This had been prophesied in Psalm 22:18, and it was fulfilled in the Lord’s presence while He was on the cross. What a stripping the Lord Jesus experienced!

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Sunday, March 18 th	Matt. 27:27-44
Monday, March 19 th	Matt. 27:45-56
Tuesday, March 20 th	Matt. 27:57-28:15
Wednesday, March 21 ST	Matt. 28:16-20
Thursday, March 22 ND	Mark. 1:1
Friday, March 23 RD	Mark. 1:2-6
Saturday, March 24 th	Mark. 1:7-13