



*Equipping People for Life*

**The Peace (Fellowship) Offering  
(The Sacrifices of Leviticus)  
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Leviticus 3:1-5

<sup>1</sup> 'When his offering *is* a sacrifice of a peace offering, if **he** offers *it* of the herd, whether male or female, **he** shall offer it without blemish before the LORD. <sup>2</sup> And **he** shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting; and **Aaron's sons**, the priests, shall sprinkle the blood all around on the altar. <sup>3</sup> **Then he** shall offer from the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire to the LORD. The fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that *is* on the entrails, <sup>4</sup> the two kidneys and the fat that *is* on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe *attached* to the liver above the kidneys, **he** shall remove; <sup>5</sup> and **Aaron's sons** shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which *is* on the wood that *is* on the fire, as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

**Notes**

**The words “peace offering” are actually 2 words.**

*Zebah* – any sacrifice or offering whose meat is primarily eaten by the worshipper.

God's portion of the offering

Leviticus 7:31 – “The priest shall burn the fat on the altar...”

Priest's portion of the offering

Leviticus 7:31 – “...but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons.”

Worshipper's portion of the offering

Leviticus 7:19 – “all who are clean may eat of it.”

*Šēlāmîm* – “well being.” Same root word as “shalom.”

Deuteronomy 27:7 – You shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice before the LORD your God.

**Whole Burnt Offering** – Leviticus 1:2 – When any one of you brings an offering to the LORD.....

Any one – the word is “*adam*.”

**Grain Offering** – Leviticus 2:1— When anyone offers a grain offering to the LORD.

Anyone – the word is *nephesh* – the word for “soul.”

– **Peace offering** –

**Why can the peace offering also be a female (3:1, 6)?**

**Three kinds of peace offerings.**

1. Thanksgiving

Leviticus 7:12-13 – <sup>12</sup> If he offers it for a **thanksgiving**, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil.

<sup>13</sup> Besides the cakes, as his offering he shall offer leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering.

2 & 3. Vow and Voluntary (Free-will)

Leviticus 7:16 – But if the sacrifice of his offering *is* a **vow** or a **voluntary** offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice; but on the next day the remainder of it also may be eaten;

**I. Jesus died to empower our thanksgiving.**

**Four times Jews gave thank offerings:**

Psalm 107:1 – Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

1. Return from a desert journey; Psalm 107:4-8

<sup>4</sup> Some wandered in the wilderness....<sup>6</sup> “LORD, help!” they cried in their trouble, and he rescued them from their distress.

2. Release from prison; Psalm 107:10-16

<sup>10</sup> Some sat in darkness and deepest gloom, imprisoned in iron chains of misery....<sup>16</sup> For he broke down their prison gates of bronze; he cut apart their bars of iron.

3. Recovery from illness; Psalm 107:17-22

<sup>20</sup> He sent out his word and healed them, snatching them from the door of death. <sup>21</sup> Let them praise the LORD for his great love and for the wonderful things he has done for them. <sup>22</sup> Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and sing joyfully about his glorious acts.

Psalms 22:3 – You are holy,  
Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

Enthroned God by praising His covenant names:

- Yahweh Shalom (Jehovah Shalom)  
(Judges 6:24) – The LORD our Peace
- Yahweh Tsidkenu (Jeremiah 23:6) – The  
LORD our Righteousness
- Yahweh M'Kaddesh (Exodus 31:13) – The  
LORD our Sanctifier
- Yahweh Shammah (Ezekiel 48:5) – The  
LORD is present
- Yahweh Rophe (Exodus 15:25) – The  
LORD our healer
- Yahweh Jireh (Genesis 22:14) – The LORD  
our provider
- Yahweh Nissi (Exodus 17:15) – The LORD  
our banner [i.e., our victory]

**4.** Return from sea voyage; Psalm 107:23-25

<sup>23</sup> Some went off to sea in ships, plying the trade routes  
of the world.

**We need to offer thanks.** (God sees our thanks as though  
we were Jesus who were giving thanks.)

**We need to be quick to offer the Lord thanks.**

Leviticus 7:15 – The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace  
offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day it is  
offered. He shall not leave any of it until morning.

**Thanksgiving offering need to be big (leavened) yet  
sincere (unleavened).**

Leviticus 7:11-27 – <sup>11</sup> 'This *is* the law of the sacrifice of  
peace offerings which he shall offer to the LORD: <sup>12</sup> If he  
offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer, with the  
sacrifice of thanksgiving, **unleavened** cakes mixed with  
oil, **unleavened** wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of  
blended flour mixed with oil. <sup>13</sup> Besides the cakes, as his  
offering he shall offer **leavened** bread with the sacrifice  
of thanksgiving of his peace offering.

**II. Jesus died to empower our vows (vow offering).**

Leviticus 7:16 – But if the sacrifice of his offering *is* a **vow**  
or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day  
that he offers his sacrifice; but on the next day the  
remainder of it also may be eaten;

Leviticus 7:17-18 – <sup>17</sup> the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day must be burned with fire. <sup>18</sup> And if *any* of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering is eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, nor shall it be imputed to him; it shall be an abomination to him who offers it, and the person who eats of it shall bear guilt.

### III. Jesus died to empower our voluntary offerings (our free-will).

#### The key to a peace offering.

Leviticus 3:17 – *This shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall eat neither fat nor blood.*

Malachi 1:6-8

- <sup>6</sup> “A son honors *his* father,  
And a servant *his* master.  
If then I am the Father,  
Where *is* My honor?  
And if I *am* a Master,  
Where *is* My reverence?  
Says the LORD of hosts  
To you priests who despise My name.  
Yet you say, ‘In what way have we despised Your  
name?’
- <sup>7</sup> “You offer defiled food on My altar,  
But say,  
‘In what way have we defiled You?’  
By saying,  
‘The table of the LORD is contemptible.’
- <sup>8</sup> And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice,  
*Is it* not evil?  
And when you offer the lame and sick,  
*Is it* not evil?  
Offer it then to your governor!  
Would he be pleased with you?  
Would he accept you favorably?”  
Says the LORD of hosts.

#### Conclusion:

- When was the last time you offered the Lord an offering of thanks? A vow offering? A free-will offering?