

Leviticus 6:8-8 – Washed, Clothed & Anointed.

1. Offering Instructions

i. (6:8-13) The burnt offering.

The animal and the fire had to remain upon the altar in a slow burn continually, tended by the priest, until Christ on the Cross.

ii. (14-23) The grain offering.

A portion of the grain offering belonged to the priests. There was a particular grain offering that was part of the anointing and consecration ceremony for a priest. *This* grain offering was not to be eaten, it was to be **wholly burned** before the LORD.

iii. (24-30) The sin offering.

A portion of the sin offering was left over and was to be given to the priests. Anything touched by the sin offering or its blood had to be cleansed in a special manner because the sacrificial victim was thought to be infected with the sin of the one who brought the offering.

Any portion from the sin offering made for national atonement could not be eaten. The whole animal had to be burnt before the LORD. Only portions from a sin offering made on behalf of an individual could be eaten.

4. (7:1-10) The guilt offering.

The blood and the fat belonged to God and the meat portions could be shared among the priests, with its distribution determined by the officiating priest. The distribution was the responsibility of the officiating priest, but they were supposed to make sure that portions were distributed equally.

iv. (11-36) The peace offering.

A peace offering could be brought out of **thanksgiving**, out of a desire for fellowship with God, or on the occasion of the fulfillment of a **vow or a voluntary offering**.

The meat from a peace offering had to be eaten in a fellowship meal within three days. God didn't want stale fellowship.

Ceremonial purity was required of anyone who wanted to participate in the fellowship meal associated with the peace offering.

This principle is again. The **fat** (speaking of the good and the abundance) and the **blood** (speaking of the life) belonged to God and had to be given to Him.

This was a specific waving of the portion of meat or bread dedicated to the LORD, waving it before the LORD in a specific pattern. In this way, even though the priest kept the portion, he had still dedicated it unto God.

v. (37-38) Postscript on the sacrifices.

JESUS CHRIST AND THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

JESUS FULFILLED THE BURNT OFFERING (Leviticus 1).

Ephesians 5:2 - *As Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to GOD for a sweet smelling arom.*

JESUS FULFILLED THE GRAIN AND FIRSTFRUITS OFFERING (Leviticus 2).

1 Corinthians 15:20 - *But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

JESUS FULFILLED THE PEACE OFFERING (Leviticus 3)

Romans 5:1 - *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with GOD though our LORD, Jesus Christ.*

JESUS FULFILLED THE SIN OFFERING (Leviticus 4).

2 Corinthians 5:21 - *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of GOD in Him*

JESUS FULFILLED THE GUILT OFFERING (Leviticus 5).

Romans 4:25 - *Who was delivered up because of our offenses and was raised because of our justification*

2. (8:1-5) Priestly Consecration.

Psalms 84:1-2 - *How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.*

Aaron and his sons with him, the garments, the anointing oil, a bull as the sin offering, two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread; and the congregation together at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.”

The whole matter of consecration stuff was God's plan, not the plan of Moses. In some ways this was a strange and messy plan, but it was God's plan for the process of consecration.

i. (6) The washing of the priests.

This great cleansing was a one-time thing. From then on, they just needed to cleanse their hands and their feet.

ii. (7-9) The clothing of the priests in priestly garments.

After being cleansed, the priest had to be clothed – but not in his own clothes. He had to put on garments given by God; **Girded with the sash... the ephod... the breastplate... the turban.**

iii. (10-13) The anointing of the priests.

The oil was **sprinkled** on non-living things, to show that they were specially set apart for the service of the LORD.

vi. (14-17) The sacrifice of the sin offering.

The washing at the door of the tabernacle was only one aspect of the symbolic cleansing from sin. There also had to be the punishment of the guilty, and this happened in the **sin offering**. As Aaron and his sons **laid their hands on the head of the bull**, they symbolically transferred their sin to the bull.

The altar was sanctified with the blood of the sin offering, and the best of the animal was burnt before the LORD – the rest was destroyed outside the camp.

v. (18-21) The sacrifice of the burnt offering.

The ram was completely burnt before the LORD, with its blood sprinkled on the altar.

vi. (22-24) The sacrifice and the blood.

They should *listen to God*, *work* for Him and *walk* with Him.

vii. (25-29) A wave offering to God.

The second ram used in the consecration ceremony – was used as a **wave offering before the LORD**.

viii. (30) Blood is sprinkled on the priestly garments.

ix. (31-32) A fellowship meal with God.

x. (33-36) Seven days of consecration.

For Aaron and his descendants, the consecration process took **seven days**.

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I. Washed –

Ephesians 5:25-26 – *Husbands, love your wives , just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that he might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of the word, 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.*

Titus 3:4-5 – *But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing and regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.*

Revelation 1:5-6 – *and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first born from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who has loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

II. Clothed –

2 Corinthians 5:3 – *For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.*

Revelation 3:5 – *He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments...*

III. Anointed – head, ears, hands and feet.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 - *Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.*