

Leviticus 7:22–27
God's Provision of the Way
December 30, 2012
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Children's Sermon

A. How Can we Know God?

John 14:1–7 (NLT)

¹ “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ² There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ “No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus told him, “**I am the way**, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. ⁷ ***If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is.*** From now on, you do know him and have seen him!”

B. How Can we Know Jesus?

C. Learning the Bible's language

II. What is God Doing with all these Laws Concerning Offerings & Priests?

“...in comparison with the known sacrificial rituals of other ancient cultures, the Israelite system was relatively simple and straightforward.” ¹

Hebrews 10:1

For since *the law has but a shadow* of the good things to come **instead of the true form** of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who *draw near*.

¹ *New Bible commentary: 21st century edition*. 1994 (D. A. Carson, R. T. France, J. A. Motyer & G. J. Wenham, Ed.) (4th ed.) (Le 7:11–36). Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press.

- A. **A Tabernacle** (Place)
 - 1. Ark of the Covenant
 - 2. Altar of Incense
 - 3. Bronze Altar
- B. **A Substitute** (Leviticus 1:1–6:7 – **Identify with the Offering**)
 - 1. *Burnt Offering* (Atonement)
 - 2. *Grain/Food Offering* (Life)
 - 3. *Peace Offering* (Fellowship/ “Sacrifice”)

 - 4. Sin Offering (Cleansing)
 - 5. Guilt Offering (Payment)
- C. **A Priest** (Leviticus 6:8–7:38 – **Identify with the Mediator**)
 - 1. Burnt Offering (Fire, Holy Cloths)
 - 2. Grain Offering (Holy Food/Place)
 - 3. Sin & Guilt Offering (Holy Food/Place)

 - 4. Peace Offering (7:11-21)

“Out of gratitude or devotion to the Lord, the worshiper brings a peace offering to the sanctuary to be eaten within prescribed times in the presence of the Lord and in communion with the priests and the congregation, carefully ensuring the sanctity of the entire process in order to remain acceptable to God.”²

“...purity and generosity characterize the celebration.”³

III. **Why the Special Focus on Fat & Blood?** (7:22-27)

- A. Review (Lev. 3)
 - 1. Identification with the offering
 - 2. The **blood** thrown on the sides of the altar
 - 3. The **fat** belongs to the Lord

Leviticus 3:16–17

¹⁶ And the priest shall burn them [the fat portions] on the altar as a food offering with **a pleasing aroma**. All

² Ross, A. P. (2002). *Holiness to the Lord: A Guide to the Exposition of the Book of Leviticus* (179). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

³ Ibid. (178)

fat is the Lord's. ¹⁷ It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, in all your dwelling places, that ***you eat neither fat nor blood.***"

B. Practical Caution

Leviticus 7:25–27

²⁵ For every person who eats of the fat of an animal of which a food offering may be made to the Lord shall be ***cut off from his people.*** ²⁶ Moreover, you shall eat no blood whatever, whether of fowl or of animal, in any of your dwelling places. ²⁷ Whoever eats any blood, that person shall be ***cut off from his people.***"

C. Key Concepts in ***the Way*** Provided

1. A God pleasing life (Fat)
2. A God satisfying death (Blood)

IV. The Importance of Discerning the Body & Blood of Jesus

A. The Heart of Our Salvation

1. The Life of Jesus
2. The Death of Jesus

B. The NT Parallel

1. Participation via the Sign

1 Corinthians 10:16–18

¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a ***participation in the blood of Christ?*** The bread that we break, is it not a ***participation in the body of Christ?*** ¹⁷ Because there is **one bread**, *we who are many are one body*, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices ***participants in the altar?***

2. The Importance of Discerning the Key Themes of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 11:27–29

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an *unworthy manner* will be guilty concerning the *body and blood* of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks *without discerning the body* eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1. The Life of Jesus
2. The Death of Jesus
3. Our Union with His Body

1 Corinthians 11:30–32

³⁰ That is why *many of you are weak and ill*, and *some have died*. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are **judged by the Lord**, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Key Idea

Our communion with Jesus, at the Lord's Table, is our participation in the true peace offering. We publicly identify with and declare our confidence in the life and death of our savior.