SCRIPTURE: Leviticus 7:1-38; Hebrews 13:1-25

SERMON: <u>The Priesthood of Believers in The Peace Offerings</u> 10 February 2008

I. THE PEACE OFFERINGS

- **A. ENDS & MEANS** (c.1-3 & 4,5)
 - 1. sacrifices: burnt, grain, peaces & sin, guilt (c.1-3 & 4,5)
 - 2. effects: soothing aroma & atonement (1:9,etc.; 2:2,etc.; 3:5,etc.; Phil.4:18 & 4:20,etc.; 5:16,etc.; 7:1,7)
 - 3. summaries: fat & blood (7:22f&26f(3:17); see 3:3f; 4:8f; 7:3f & 4:16,etc.; 7:2f)
- **B. SACRIFICES & PRIESTS** (c.1-5 & 6,7; see 7:37,38; note: c.8-10)
 - 1. burn fat & sprinkle, pour blood (e.g., 3:2,3; 4:7)
 - 2. eat the grain & sin-guilt offerings (6:16,17 & 6:26; 7:6; 10:17; see 1Cor.10:16)
- C. THE PEOPLE AS PRIESTS IN THE PEACE OFFERINGS (see Ex.19:6; 1Pt.2:5,9)
 - 1. speak to the sons of Israel (6:9,etc.; 7:22f & 29f,11f)
 - 2. occasions: giving thanks, paying vows, offering freely (7:12f,16f; 22:17f; see Ps.107:22; 116:12f)
 - 3. manner: reverent/cut off (7:15; 16-18 / 7:18-21; see Is.1:10f,15; Mal.1:6f)
 - 4. provisions: priests, officiating priest, people (7:34(31,33), 15f)
- **D. COVENANT MEAL: OUR GOD & HIS PEOPLE** (3:11,16 & 7:15f; Ps50:12f; Ex24:11 /Ex6:7; Lv26:12)

II. CHRIST IS OUR HIGH PRIEST IN THE PEACE OFFERINGS (Heb.2:17; 3:1; c.4-10)

- **A. HE OFFERED HIMSELF & ENTERED** *PEACE* (Heb.7:27; 9:14& Heb.9:11f; *10:12*; Acts 2:33)
- **B. HE OFFERED HIS** *BLOOD* & **HIS** *FAT* (Heb9:12,14f; 1Pt1:2 /Heb10:4&5; 12&14; 19&20; 1C.11:25&24)
- C. HE OFFERED HIMSELF AS OUR THANK OFFERING (Heb.2:12(Ps.22:22); see Ps.107:22; Heb.13:15)
- D. HE OFFERED HIMSELF AS OUR VOTIVE OFFERING (Ps.22:22,25 /Heb2:13b /Jn17:12;Eph1:4; Lk4:18)
- E. HE OFFERED HIMSELF AS OUR FREEWILL OFFERING (Jn.10:18; 15:13)

III. <u>BE FAITHFUL PRIESTS IN CHRIST IN HIS PEACE OFFERINGS</u> (Heb.2:17,etc.; 1Pt.2:5,9)

- A. BRING YOUR THANK OFFERINGS IN HIM (Heb.13:15; Ps.107:21,22; see Rom.1:21)
- **B. BRING YOUR** *VOTIVE* **OFFERINGS IN HIM** (Ps50:14,15;23; 56:12; 61:8,5f; 116:12f; Jon.2:9,1f /Mt.5:33f)
- **C. BRING YOUR FREEWILL OFFERINGS IN HIM** (Ps.119:108; see 54:6,7; 110:3; Mt.22:37)
- D. BRING THESE OFFERINGS IN WORD & WORK (Heb.13:15 & Phil.4:18 (Lev.7:11f; 28f))
- E. BRING THESE OFFERINGS TO GOD FOR THOSE WHOM HE APPOINTS TO SERVE YOU (1Cor.9:13,14 (Lev.7:34,28f); see 1Tm.5:17)
- F. PARTICIPATE IN THESE OFFERINGS YOURSELVES (Heb.13:10; 1Cor.10:18,16; 11:24,25)
- G. BE CLEAN AND REVERENT IN PARTICIPATING IN THESE OFFERINGS (Lev.7:15f/1Cor11:30)
- **H. THE PEACE OFFERING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER** (1Cor11:26,27 / Heb8:10 w/10:12,14 & 1Cor11:26)
- I. THE PEACE OFFERING IN OUR FELLOWSHIP DINNERS (Ps.66:13f,16f; Lev.7:16f)
- **J. OFFERINGS & PRAISE & FEASTING** (Lev.7:11f; 1Cor.11:17f; contrast Mt.6:2&5&16)