

**Intro:**

Main Point of Text: The meat offering must be prepared and presented in a dedicated way that expresses holy devotion.

Sermon Point: *Devote Your Lives to Dedicated Christian Service.*

**Move 1: *God is completely devoted to your lives, and thus dedicated to your covenant living.***

Oil: presence and work of the Holy Spirit; new life given, to be lived. Vss. 2, 9, 16: “memorial”. The LORD remembers the *effect* of the Tabernacle, blood, and covenant. No blood shed. God’s commitment is expressed in His provision. Vs. 13: salt, covenant. Salt: a common symbol of friendship, preservation, covenant. 2 Chron. 13:5. God’s refining fire leaves that which is “most holy”: (vss. 3, 10); a sanctified life. Lev. 27:28; 1 Cor. 6:11; Heb. 10:10: ... *we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ ...*

**Move 2: *Jesus devoted Himself to your eternal lives by dedicating Himself as the Bread of Life.***

Mingled with oil/oil poured on: anointing. The Messiah/Christ is the “Anointed One” by the Holy Spirit. Mat. 1:20; 3:16. Isa. 61:1 in Lk. 4:18. Ps. 45:6-7 in Heb. 1:8-9. Fine flour, crumbling, threshing, oven, frying, roasting: His sufferings on the cross. Ps. 22:15. Jesus/His life’s work was anointed, thus accepted (frankincense). Fine flour of the crucible of the cross *made* the bread/sweet savor (vss. 2, 9). Bread/Oil sustains life! “Bread of God”: Lev. 21:6, 8; Jn. 6:33-35, 55. Bread broken in vs. 6. So Christ: Mat. 26:26).

**Move 3: *Your whole life must be devoted to dedicated, holy living in service to the LORD.***

Vs. 1: *soul* that offers: devotion. Offerings (Corban, “draw near”): dedication. Meat Offering literally “gift/tribute”. “Meat” in Old English, “food”. Staples of life’s sustenance. Division in pieces (vs. 6) denotes every part of man (whole life). Give back to God a “thank offering”. Such dedication shows devotion that is accepted as an offering to God: Acts 10:4; Phil. 4:18. Such service is a lifestyle:

- *Burn:* gradual, efficient. Slow, steady, reliable service.
- *No Honey/Leaven:* ferments/corrupts. Ex. 12:19ff (Passover with Feast of Unleavened Bread):
  - Ex. 12:38; 32-33 with Ezek. 20:7-8; 30:13.
  - 1 Cor. 5:6-7; Mt. 16:6, 12; Lk. 12:1; Mk. 8:15. James 1:27.
- *Mixed With Oil:* (vss. 4-5, 6, 7). Seen in firstfruits: vs. 14. Ex. 22:29; Prov. 3:9; Rom. 11:16
- *Salt:* God’s covenant will never be used up and is not to be wasted:
  - Mark 9:49-50; Col. 4:6; Have attitude of Ps. 119:38.
  - “Memorial” of God to you, and you to God. Broken bread: “This do in remembrance of me.”

**Conclusion:**

*Devote Your Lives to Dedicated Christian Service.*