

# *Tuesday Night at the Crescent*

## **"APPROACHING GOD"**

***A study of the Levitical Offerings***

**TUESDAY, MAY 1st, 1990**

***Subject: "Can We Really Enjoy Peace With God"***

***A study of the Law of Peace Offerings***

**Reading: Leviticus 7: 11-34**

1. It is important to remember that the Hebrew word for peace is a very large word. The Lord Jesus brought us all that it means:
  - (a) The cessation of hostility.
  - (b) Peace and plenty.
  - (c) Health, physical and spiritual.
  - (d) Wholeness: integration of our personality into fellowship with God and His people.
2. The peace offering speaks to us of Christ's confidence in God (flanks) and the motivation of his service (kidneys).
3. The law of the peace offering does not emphasise how to obtain peace with God but how to develop peace and enjoyment of peace with ourselves. This law is concerned especially with one particular type of peace offering when a person made a thanksgiving offering as a gift.
4. What are the ways to enjoy peace and health of mind?:
  - (a) It was a thanksgiving offering; we must learn to be thankful and stop our negative murmuring and complaining (verse 12).
  - (b) The offering included leavened bread and unleavened cakes; we must be realists. Not admitting wrong in our lives does not get rid of it; it just suppresses it (verses 12-13).
  - (c) The offering had to be eaten on the same day; this taught the Israelite that he owed everything to the sacrifice and forced him to share it with his friends. Wholeness means that a christian must do more than enjoy the things of God for himself but he must have integration into the fellowship of God's people.
  - (e) The offering was not to be eaten by any person who had uncleanness on them; this would teach us that we must not try to allow ourselves unclean things in our lives and at the same time try to serve the Lord.
  - (f) None of the fat or blood of the sacrifice was to be eaten, the fat was the Lord's and the blood was sacred; this teaches us that we must not rob the Lord of what is his to increase what we think is our own enjoyment.
  - (g) Certain parts of the offering went to the priest; he would praise the Lord because of something that was given to him. Let us learn that what we give to the Lord is also of great blessing to others in return.



*"When somebody gets arrested for disturbing the peace these days, I'm amazed that he found any".*

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