

Tuesday Night at the Crescent

"APPROACHING GOD"

A study of the Levitical Offerings

TUESDAY, MARCH 6th, 1990

Subject: "You get like the God you Worship"

Readings: Leviticus 1: 1-2; 9: 22-24; Psalm 27: 1-6;

Hebrews 10: 11-18.

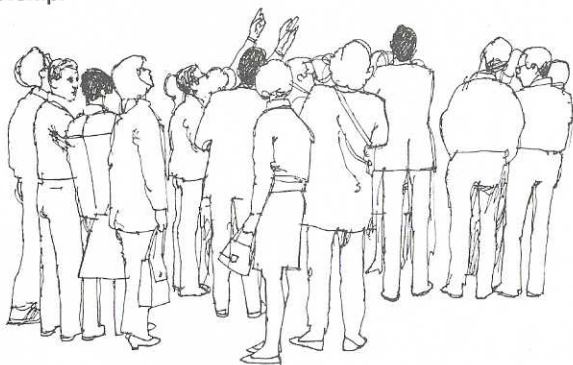
1. Why study Leviticus?

- (a) Because Leviticus is part of the inspired word of God.
- (b) Because in Leviticus we have pictures-in-advance to help us understand the meaning and significance of the death of Christ.
- (c) Because the New Testament uses phrases borrowed from Leviticus to help us to know the truth "as it is in Jesus".
- (d) Because Leviticus provides thought-forms and mental images and pictures which we can use to inspire our imaginations and to enjoy Christ in our hearts more profoundly. As we use them we will find it leads to sheer worship.

2. What have the Levitical offerings got to say to us more than, say, the Passover lamb?

- (a) They are offerings of approach (Lev. 1: 1).
- (b) They show us that people are allowed to come near and enjoy the uncreated beauty of God.
- (c) They teach us that we can escape into the reality of enjoying our creator who has become both our Father and Redeemer.
- (d) They teach us that we are allowed to bring gifts to God and guide us as to what would be acceptable.
- (e) They teach us that those who would bring beautiful gifts to God must themselves be beautiful people. Leviticus is a book about making people beautiful as God sees beauty.
- (f) The offerings were to be without blemish and that teaches us that Christ the perfect sacrifice was first a master of living before He could be a Sacrifice.

3. Let's recover the lost jewel of the evangelical church; true worship.



"Worship, I say, rises or falls with our concept of God; that is why I do not believe in these half-converted cowboys who call God the Man Upstairs. I do not think they worship at all because their concept of God is unworthy of God and unworthy of them. And if there is one terrible disease in the Church of Christ, it is that we do not see God as great as He is. We are too familiar with God".

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