

# Deuteronomy 12:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD thy God: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh.

## Analysis

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Sacrificial procedure: 'And thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD thy God: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh.' This prescribes central sanctuary sacrifice. Burnt offerings (olah, עֹלָה) were wholly consumed on altar; worshipers ate none. But peace offerings allowed worshipers to eat portions after blood was poured and fat burned. The altar location ('altar of the LORD thy God') emphasizes that sacrifice occurs at authorized location. Blood poured on altar atones (Leviticus 17:11); consuming flesh celebrates fellowship with God.

## Historical Context

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Leviticus 1-7 details sacrificial procedures. The altar, first at Tabernacle then Temple, was the exclusive location for covenant sacrifice. Jeroboam's rival altars at Dan/Bethel (1 Kings 12:28-33) violated this, earning divine condemnation. Hebrews 13:10 declares Christians 'have an altar'—Christ's cross—from which we feast spiritually. Christ's sacrifice supersedes animal offerings, being perfect and final (Hebrews 10:1-18). The Lord's Supper enacts this spiritual feast on Christ's atoning sacrifice.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does blood poured out on the altar prefigure Christ's blood poured out for atonement?
2. What does eating the flesh of sacrifice teach about participating in Christ's benefits through faith?
3. How does the Lord's Supper continue the pattern of sacred meal celebrating covenant relationship?

## Interlinear Text

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וְעָשָׂה יְיָ	עֹלֹתֶיךָ יְיָ	וְהִבֵּשׁ ר	וְדָם	עַל	
And thou shalt offer	thy burnt offerings	the flesh	and the blood	H5921	
H6213	H5930	H1320	H1818		
מִזְבֵּחַ	יְהוָה ה	אֱלֹהֶיךָ יְיָ	וְדָם	זִבְחֶיךָ יְיָ	
upon the altar	of the LORD	thy God	and the blood	of thy sacrifices	
H4196	H3068	H430	H1818	H2077	
יִשְׁפָּךְ	עַל	מִזְבֵּחַ	יְהוָה ה	אֱלֹהֶיךָ יְיָ	וְהִבֵּשׁ ר
shall be poured out	H5921	upon the altar	of the LORD	thy God	the flesh
H8210		H4196	H3068	H430	H1320
וְתֹאכַל:					
and thou shalt eat					
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 1:9** (Sacrifice): But his inwards and his legs shall he wash in water: and the priest shall burn all on the altar, to be a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

**Leviticus 1:13** (Sacrifice): But he shall wash the inwards and the legs with water: and the priest shall bring it all, and burn it upon the altar: it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

**Leviticus 17:11** (Blood): For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

**Leviticus 1:5** (Blood): And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.