

# Exodus 24:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.**

'Young men' (הָנָעָרִים, hane'arim) offer sacrifices—likely firstborn sons, since the Aaronic priesthood hasn't been instituted yet. 'Burnt offerings' (עֹלָת, olot) ascend wholly to God, representing total consecration. 'Peace offerings' (שְׁלָמִים, zevachim shelamim) are shared meals, representing fellowship. The dual offerings depict covenant's two aspects: consecration to God and communion with Him. The oxen blood (v. 6) will seal the covenant—foreshadowing Christ's blood establishing the New Covenant. Without blood-shedding there's no covenant (Hebrews 9:22). Animal blood pointed to Christ, 'the Lamb of God who takes away the world's sin' (John 1:29).

## Historical Context

Pre-Aaronic sacrifices were offered by family heads or appointed representatives. The burnt and peace offerings together depicted comprehensive covenant relationship—consecration and communion with God.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What do burnt offerings (wholly to God) and peace offerings (shared meals) together teach about covenant relationship?
2. How does the blood used in covenant ratification point forward to Christ's blood establishing the New Covenant?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיְשַׁלֵּחַ מֹשֶׁה לְנַעֲרִים בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲתָה וְאַתָּה  
And he sent H853 young men of the children of Israel which offered H5927

עַל תְּזַבְּחֵנִים זָבֵחַ יְמִינְךָ יְמִינְךָ תְּזַבְּחֵנִים לְיְהוָה שְׁלָמִים  
burnt offerings and sacrificed offerings peace unto the LORD of oxen H6499

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 18:12** (Sacrifice): And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.