

Exodus 29:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar.

Analysis

The burnt offering represents complete dedication to God—the entire animal consumed by fire, ascending as sweet savor to the LORD. This prefigures Christ's total self-offering, holding nothing back, His life completely devoted to God's glory. The fire consuming the offering pictures divine acceptance—God receives Christ's sacrifice with pleasure. Our worship, offered through Christ, also ascends as fragrant offering acceptable to God.

Historical Context

The burnt offering (**הַלְּعֵד**, olah, 'that which ascends') was one of Israel's primary sacrifices, representing voluntary dedication to God. Unlike sin offerings (which addressed guilt), burnt offerings expressed worshipful consecration.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How did Christ give Himself 'completely' (burnt offering) rather than partially?
2. What does it mean that your worship ascends to God 'through Christ'?

Interlinear Text

וְלִקְרַב אֶל־קָרְבָּן תִּתְחַנֵּן וְעַל הַמִּזְבֵּן תִּתְעַמֵּךְ
And thou shalt take all the blood of the bullock and put it upon the horns
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בְּמִזְבֵּחַ בְּאֶצְבָּע יָדְךָ תִּתְעַמֵּךְ כֹּל וְעַל תְּשַׁפֵּךְ וְעַל
of the altar with thy finger H853 H3605 all the blood and pour beside
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תְּמִזְבֵּחַ בְּמִזְבֵּחַ
the bottom of the altar
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 27:2 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass.

Leviticus 8:15 (Blood): And he slew it; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it.

Leviticus 9:9 (Blood): And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar:

Exodus 30:2 (Parallel theme): A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of the same.

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