

Exodus 29:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul that is above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn them upon 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 (עֹלָה, 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

וְלָקַחְתָּ	אֶת	כָּל	הַחֵלֶב	הַמְכֹסֶה	אֶת	הַקֶּרֶב
And thou shalt take	H853	H3605	all the fat	that covereth	H853	the inwards
H3947			H2459	H3680		H7130
וְאֵת	הַיֵּתְרֹת	עַל	הַכֶּבֶד	וְאֵת	שְׁתֵּי	הַכִּלְיֹת
H853	and the caul	H5921	that is above the liver	H853	and the two	kidneys
	H3508		H3516		H8147	H3629
וְאֵת	הַחֵלֶב	אֲשֶׁר	עָלֶיהָ	וְהִקְטַרְתָּ		
H853	all the fat	H834	H5921	that is upon them and burn		
	H2459			H6999		
הַמִּזְבֵּחַ:						
them upon the altar						
H4196						

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 2:16 (Parallel theme): And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.