

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 (**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

פָּקַדְתָּ אֶת בְּלֵב כָּל הַמִּכְסָה אֲתָה בְּקָרְבָּן וְלִקְרָבָתָה
And thou shalt take H3947 H853 H3605 H2459 all the fat H3680 H853 H7130 the inwards

הַכְּלֵי תְּשַׁתְּ אֶת בְּלֵב דַּעַת וְאֶת עַל בֵּית רַת וְאֶת
H853 H3508 and the caul H5921 H3516 that is above the liver H853 H8147 H3629 and the two kidneys

וְהַקְרָבָתָה עַל יְדֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר בְּלֵב אֲשֶׁר בְּלֵב וְאֶת
H853 H2459 H834 H5921 that is upon them and burn H6999

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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.