

Exodus 29:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

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

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

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

וְאֶת־	הָאֵילִם:	הָאֶחָד	תִּקַּח	וְסָמַךְ	אֶהֱרָן
H853	of the ram	one	Thou shalt also take	shall put	and Aaron
	H352	H259	H3947	H5564	H175
וּבָנָיו	אֶת־	יְדֵיהֶם	עַל־	רֹאשׁ־	הָאֵילִם:
and his sons	H853	their hands	H5921	upon the head	of the ram
H1121		H3027		H7218	H352

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 29:19 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

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