

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 (*הַלְעֵת*, 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

Psalm 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

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H853 of the ram H352 one H259 Thou shalt also take H3947 shall put H5564 and Aaron H175

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and his sons H853 H1121 their hands H3027 H5921 upon the head H7218 H352 of the ram

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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