

Exodus 29:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle it round about 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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

וְשַׁחַטְתָּ	אֶת	הָאֵלִיל	וְלָקַחְתָּ	אֶת	דָּמֹו
And thou shalt slay	H853	the ram	and thou shalt take	H853	his blood
H7819		H352	H3947		H1818
וְזָרַקְתָּ	עַל	הַמִּזְבֵּחַ	סָבִיב:		
and sprinkle	H5921	upon the altar	it round about		
H2236		H4196	H5439		

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