

Exodus 29:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put them unto his pieces, and unto his head.

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**, 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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

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	the ram	And thou shalt cut	in pieces	and wash	the inwards	
H352		H5408		H5409	H7364	H7130

רָאשׁוֹ וְכֶרֶב יְיַעַל יְנַתְתָּעַל גַּמְתָּעַל יְעַל וְכֶרֶב יְיַעַל
and unto his head and put in pieces and unto his head
of him and his legs H5921 in pieces H5921 and unto his head
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