

# 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

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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

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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

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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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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קָרְבוֹ	וְרָחַצְתָּ	בְּתֵדָה יוֹ	תִּתְּנֶהָ	הָאֵלִיל וְאֵת	
					H853
the inwards	and wash	in pieces	And thou shalt cut	the ram	
H7130	H7364	H5409	H5408	H352	
רֹאשׁוֹ:	וְעַל	בְּתֵדָה יוֹ	עַל	וְכַבְּעֵי יוֹ	
and unto his head		in pieces	and put	of him and his legs	
H7218	H5921	H5409	H5414	H3767	

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