

Leviticus 2:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Grain Offerings**. The grain offering (מִנְחָה, minchah) was a tribute offering acknowledging God's provision and expressing devotion through the fruits of human labor.

The five main offerings (burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt) addressed different aspects of relationship with God, all fulfilled in Christ's comprehensive sacrifice. The holiness demanded in Leviticus becomes possible through Christ, who both satisfies God's righteous requirements and transforms believers by His Spirit.

Historical Context

The grain offering (מִנְחָה, minchah) was a tribute offering acknowledging God's provision and expressing devotion through the fruits of human labor. Leviticus was given to Israel at Mount Sinai, shortly after the tabernacle's construction described in Exodus. The name 'Leviticus' (from Latin Leviticus, referring to the Levites) reflects its focus on priestly duties, though the Hebrew title Wayyiqra ('And He called') emphasizes God's initiative in revealing these laws. The first seven chapters detail the five main offerings, providing both worshiper

instructions and priestly procedures. Ancient Near Eastern cultures had various sacrificial systems, but Israel's sacrificial worship was unique in its ethical foundation, monotheistic framework, and emphasis on atonement rather than appeasement. Unlike pagan rituals focused on manipulating deities, Israel's sacrifices acknowledged God's sovereignty and sought reconciliation based on His gracious provision. Ancient sacrificial texts from cultures surrounding Israel demonstrate the widespread practice of animal sacrifice, but Israel's system uniquely emphasized moral atonement over magical efficacy.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
2. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

וְכִי י	תִּקְרֶה ב	קָרֵב	מִנְחָה	מֵאֵפֶה	תֵּנּוּ
H3588	And if thou bring	an oblation	of a meat offering	baken	in the oven
	H7126	H7133	H4503	H3989	H8574
סֵלֶת	חֲלֹת	מֵצָה	בְּלוּלָה	בְּשֶׁמֶן:	וּרְקִיקֵי
of fine flour	cakes	it shall be unleavened	mingled	with oil	wafers
H5560	H2471	H4682	H1101	H8081	H7550
מֵצָה	בְּשֶׁמֶן:	מְשֻׁחָה			
it shall be unleavened	anointed	with oil			
H4682	H4886	H8081			

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 29:2 (Parallel theme): And unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: of wheaten flour shalt thou make them.

Psalms 22:14 (Parallel theme): I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

Hebrews 7:26 (Parallel theme): For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

Isaiah 42:1 (Parallel theme): Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

Matthew 26:38 (Parallel theme): Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

John 3:34 (Parallel theme): For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

John 12:27 (Parallel theme): Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

Leviticus 10:12 (Sacrifice): And Moses spake unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons that were left, Take the meat offering that remaineth of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar: for it is most holy:

1 Peter 2:22 (Parallel theme): Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

1 Peter 2:1 (Parallel theme): Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

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