

Leviticus 6:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meat offering perpetual, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night.

Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Priestly Instructions for Offerings**. Detailed regulations for priests administering the sacrificial system, emphasizing holiness and proper handling of sacred things.

The Aaronic priesthood mediated between God and Israel, offering sacrifices and maintaining the tabernacle. This prefigured Christ's superior priesthood after the order of Melchizedek. 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 New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

Historical Context

Detailed regulations for priests administering the sacrificial system, emphasizing holiness and proper handling of sacred things. 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. The Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's superior priesthood, prefigured in this verse, assure you of access to God and effective intercession?
2. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

Interlinear Text

זֶה	קֹרְבַּן	אֶהָרִן	וּבְנֵי יוֹ	אֲשֶׁר	יִקְרֹּה יָבוֹ
H2088	This is the offering	of Aaron	and of his sons	H834	which they shall offer
	H7133	H175	H1121		H7126
לַיהוָה	בַּיּוֹם	הַמָּשָׁח	אֶת־וְ	עֲשִׂירִת	הָאֵפָה
unto the LORD	in the day	when he is anointed	H853	the tenth part	of an ephah
H3068	H3117	H4886		H6224	H374
סֵלֶת	מִנְחָה	תָּמִיד	וּמִחֲצִיתָהּ	בַּבֹּקֶר	
of fine flour	for a meat offering	perpetual	and half	of it in the morning	
H5560	H4503	H8548	H4276	H1242	
וּמִחֲצִיתָהּ	בָּעֶרֶב:				
and half	thereof at night				
H4276	H6153				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 16:36 (Parallel theme): Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

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.