

Leviticus 8:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave offering before the LORD: for of the ram of consecration it was Moses' part; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Consecration of Aaron and Sons**. The ordination ceremony established the Aaronic priesthood, involving washing, anointing, and sacrifice—prefiguring Christ's priesthood.

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 ordination ceremony established the Aaronic priesthood, involving washing, anointing, and sacrifice—prefiguring Christ's priesthood. Chapters 8-10 describe the priesthood's consecration and early ministry. Aaron and his sons received special anointing for their mediatorial role between God and Israel. The tragic account of Nadab and Abihu (ch. 10) demonstrates that approaching God requires reverence and obedience. 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
2. How does understanding the purpose behind God's laws help you obey Him from the heart rather than mere duty?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

לִפְנֵי י	תְּנוּפָה ה	וַיִּנִּיף הוּ	הָ חֵז ה	אֶת	מֹשֶׁה:	וָקַח ח
before	it for a wave offering	and waved	the breast		And Moses	took
H6440	H8573	H5130	H2373	H853	H4872	H3947
לְמִנְּה ה	הָיָה	מֹשֶׁה:	הַמִּלְאָה ים	יָמָא יל	יְהוָה ה	
part		And Moses	of consecration	for of the ram	as the LORD	
H4490	H1961	H4872	H4394	H352	H3068	
מֹשֶׁה:	אֶת	יְהוָה ה	צִוָּה	כָּאֵשׁ ר		
And Moses		as the LORD	commanded			
H4872	H853	H3068	H6680	H834		

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