

# Leviticus 9:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Priests Begin Their Ministry**. Aaron's first official sacrifices as high priest, culminating in God's glory appearing and fire consuming the offerings.

The five main offerings (burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt) addressed different aspects of relationship with God, all fulfilled in Christ's comprehensive sacrifice. Every sacrifice and ritual in Leviticus points forward to Jesus Christ, who fulfills the entire sacrificial system as both perfect sacrifice and eternal high priest.

## Historical Context

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Aaron's first official sacrifices as high priest, culminating in God's glory appearing and fire consuming the offerings. 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. 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

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

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

## Study Questions

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1. In what ways does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ's atoning sacrifice and the seriousness of sin?
2. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
3. How does understanding the purpose behind God's laws help you obey Him from the heart rather than mere duty?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֵת	הַחֵלֶב	וְאֵת	הַכִּלְיֹת	וְאֵת	הַיֵּתֶרֶת	מִן	הַכֶּבֶד
H853	<b>But the fat</b>	H853	<b>and the kidneys</b>	H853	<b>and the caul</b>	<b>above</b>	<b>the liver</b>
	H2459		H3629		H3508	H4480	H3516
מִן	הַחֵטָאֶת	הֵקֵט	יָרַק	הַמִּזְבֵּחַ	עָלָה	צִוָּה	
<b>above</b>	<b>of the sin offering</b>	<b>he burnt</b>	<b>upon the altar</b>	H834	<b>commanded</b>		
H4480	H2403	H6999	H4196		H6680		
יְהוָה	אֶת	מֹשֶׁה					
<b>as the LORD</b>	H853	<b>Moses</b>					
H3068		H4872					

