

Leviticus 9:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Also a bullock and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and a meat offering mingled with oil: for to day the LORD will appear unto you.

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. What Leviticus portrayed through types and shadows, Christ fulfilled in reality through His incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection.

Historical Context

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 tabernacle's design parallels ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, yet its portable nature and absence of divine images distinguished it from pagan temples.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
2. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

Interlinear Text

וְשׁוֹר	וְאַיִל	לְשִׁלָּמִים	לְזִבְחֵךְ	לִפְנֵי	יְהוָה
Also a bullock	and a ram	for peace offerings	to sacrifice	before	the LORD
H7794	H352	H8002	H2076	H6440	H3068
וּמִנְחָה	בְּלוֹלָה	בַּשֶּׁן	כִּי	הַיּוֹם	יְהוָה
and a meat offering	mingled	with oil	for to day	the LORD	will appear
H4503	H1101	H8081	H3117	H3068	H7200
אֶלֶיכֶם:					
H413					

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 29:43 (Parallel theme): And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory.

Leviticus 9:6 (References Lord): And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.

Leviticus 9:23 (References Lord): And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.