

# Numbers 19:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn:

## Analysis

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The entire heifer—hide, flesh, blood, and dung—was burned in the priest's sight. Nothing was eaten or offered on the altar; complete consumption by fire was required. This total destruction differed from standard offerings, suggesting judgment and complete removal of contamination. The fire's thoroughness pictures how completely Christ's sacrifice dealt with sin's defilement.

## Historical Context

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Burning dung was especially unusual; in other offerings it was removed and disposed of separately (Leviticus 4:11-12). Including even the unclean parts emphasized the comprehensiveness of this purification provision. Death's contamination was so serious that extraordinary measures were required.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How thoroughly has Christ dealt with every aspect of sin's contamination in your life?

2. What 'unclean' parts of yourself do you hesitate to bring under Christ's purifying work?

## Interlinear Text

וְאֵת שְׂרֵפָה יְשַׁרֵּף:					
<b>And one shall burn</b>	H853	<b>the heifer</b>	<b>in his sight</b>	H853	<b>her skin</b>
H8313		H6510	H5869		H5785

## Additional Cross-References

**Exodus 29:14** (Parallel theme): But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it is a sin offering.

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