

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

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

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

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

וְשָׂרַף:	אֶת	הַפָּךְ הַ	לְעֵינַי יוֹ	אֶת	עֹרָהּ הַ	וְאֶת
And one shall burn	H853	the heifer	in his sight	H853	her skin	H853
H8313		H6510	H5869		H5785	
וְשָׂרַף:	אֶת	דָּמָהּ הַ	עַל	פְּרֶשֶׁתָּהּ הַ		
and her flesh	H853	and her blood	H5921	with her dung	And one shall burn	
H1320		H1818		H6569	H8313	

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.