

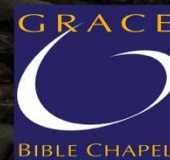
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THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS



The Peace Offering: Celebrating Peace with God

Leviticus 3:1-17; 7:11-34





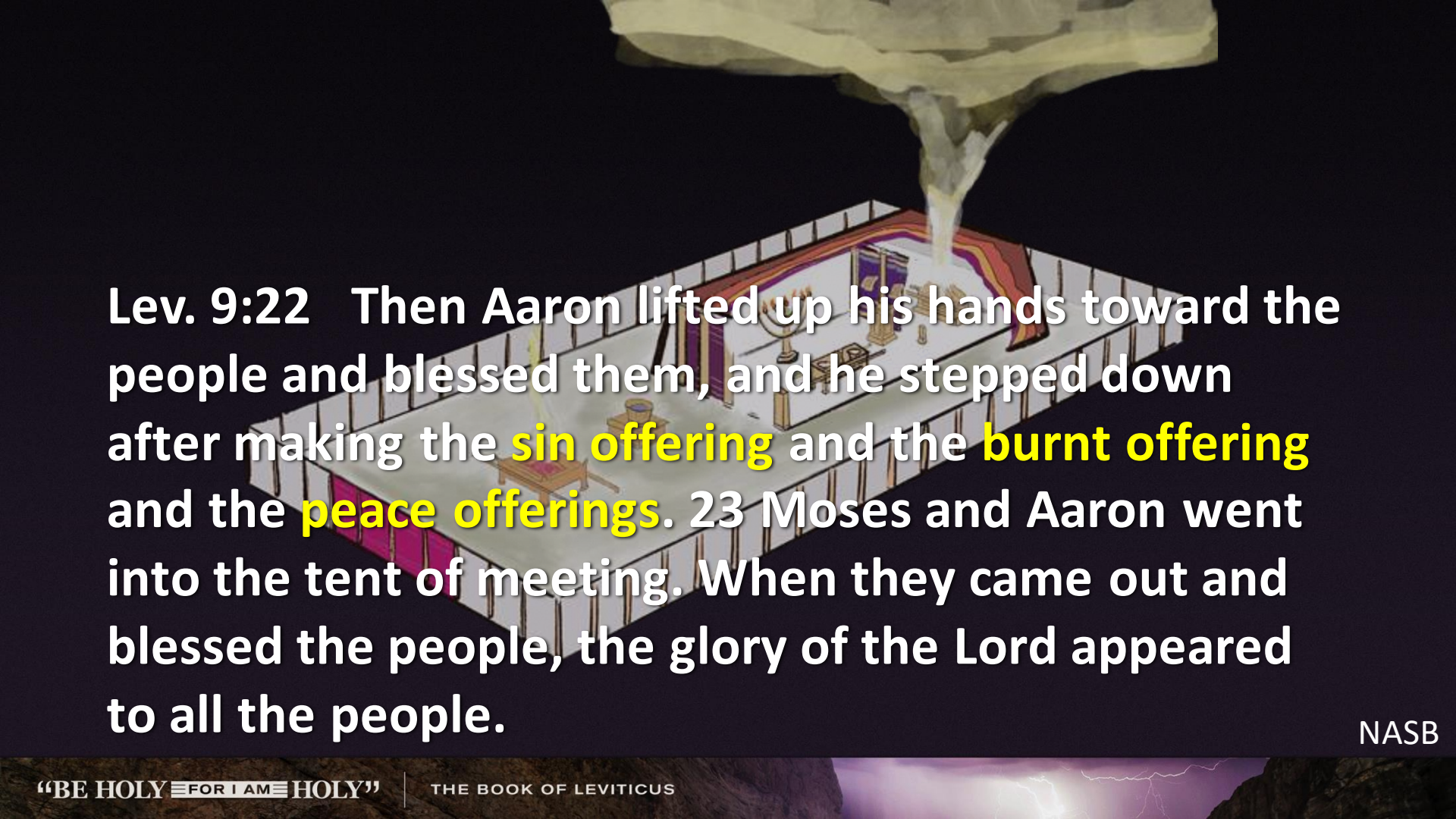
Ex. 40:34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. **35** Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

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Lev. 1:1 Then the Lord called to Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting ...

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A 3D cutaway illustration of the Tabernacle, showing its interior with various golden vessels like the table of showbread, the golden lampstand, and the golden altar. A bright, ethereal light emanates from the roof of the structure, suggesting the presence of God's glory. The background is dark, making the light and the structure stand out.

Lev. 9:22 Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he stepped down after making the **sin offering** and the **burnt offering** and the **peace offerings**. 23 Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting. When they came out and blessed the people, the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people.

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Expiation Sweet Savor



Burnt offering



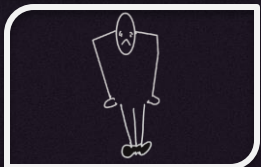
Grain offering



Peace offering



Sin offering



Guilt offering

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 HOW? (The Procedure)



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- **sacrifice**: זָבַח (zəbah), communal sacrifice; worshiper eats of offering (H2285)

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- **without defect**: תָּמִים (tāmîm), free of blemish; blameless, honest, sincere (H9459)



“Without Defect”

- **Lev. 3:1** ‘Now if his offering is a sacrifice of peace offerings, if he is going to offer out of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it **without defect** before the Lord.
- **Deut. 18:13** “You shall be **blameless** before the Lord your God.
- **Deut. 32:4** “The Rock! His work is **perfect**, For all His ways are just;

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HOW? (The Procedure)

- 1) Present Animal

No defect → blameless





HOW? (The Procedure)

- 1) Present Animal
- 2) **Lean on Animal**

No defect ➔ *blameless*



2) Lean on Animal

- **Lev. 3:2** 'He shall lay his hand on the head of his offering ...

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2) Lean on Animal

- **Lev. 3:2** ‘He shall **lay** his hand on the head of his offering ...
- **lay**: סָמַךְ (*sāmak*), lean, support (H6164)
- Indicates *identification*



HOW? (The Procedure)

- 1) Present Animal
- 2) Lean on Animal

No defect ➔ *blameless*
Identification



HOW? (The Procedure)

- 1) Present Animal
- 2) Lean on Animal
- 3) Slaughter Animal

*No defect → blameless
Identification*



3) Slaughter Animal

- **Lev. 3:2** 'He shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and **slay it** at the doorway of the tent of meeting, ...
- life for life: *substitution*



HOW? (The Procedure)

- 1) Present Animal
- 2) Lean on Animal
- 3) Slaughter Animal

No defect → blameless
Identification
Substitution



HOW? (The Procedure)

- 1) Present Animal *No defect → blameless*
- 2) Lean on Animal *Identification*
- 3) Slaughter Animal *Substitution*
- 4) **Sprinkle Blood (priests)**



4) Sprinkle Blood (Priests)

- **Lev. 3:2** ..., and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood around on the altar.



4) Sprinkle Blood (Priests)

- **Lev. 3:2** ..., and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood around on the altar.
- **Lev. 17:11** 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.'

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HOW? (The Procedure)

- 1) Present Animal *No defect → blameless*
- 2) Lean on Animal *Identification*
- 3) Slaughter Animal *Substitution*
- 4) Sprinkle Blood (priests) *Atonement*



HOW? (The Procedure)

- 1) Present Animal *No defect → blameless*
- 2) Lean on Animal *Identification*
- 3) Slaughter Animal *Substitution*
- 4) Sprinkle Blood (priests) *Atonement*
- 5) **Remove Animal Parts**



5) Remove Animal Parts

- **Lev. 3:3** 'From the sacrifice of the peace offerings he shall present an offering by fire to the Lord, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, **4** and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the lobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys.'

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Fat: Best Part

- **Gen. 45:18** ... and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you will eat the fat of the land.'

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Entrails, Kidneys, Liver: Seat of Emotions

- **Psa. 103:1** Bless the Lord, O my soul, And all that is within me (entrails), *bless* His holy name.
- **Job 19:27** ... My heart (kidneys) faints within me!
- **Lam. 2:11** My spirit is greatly troubled; My heart (liver) is poured out on the earth

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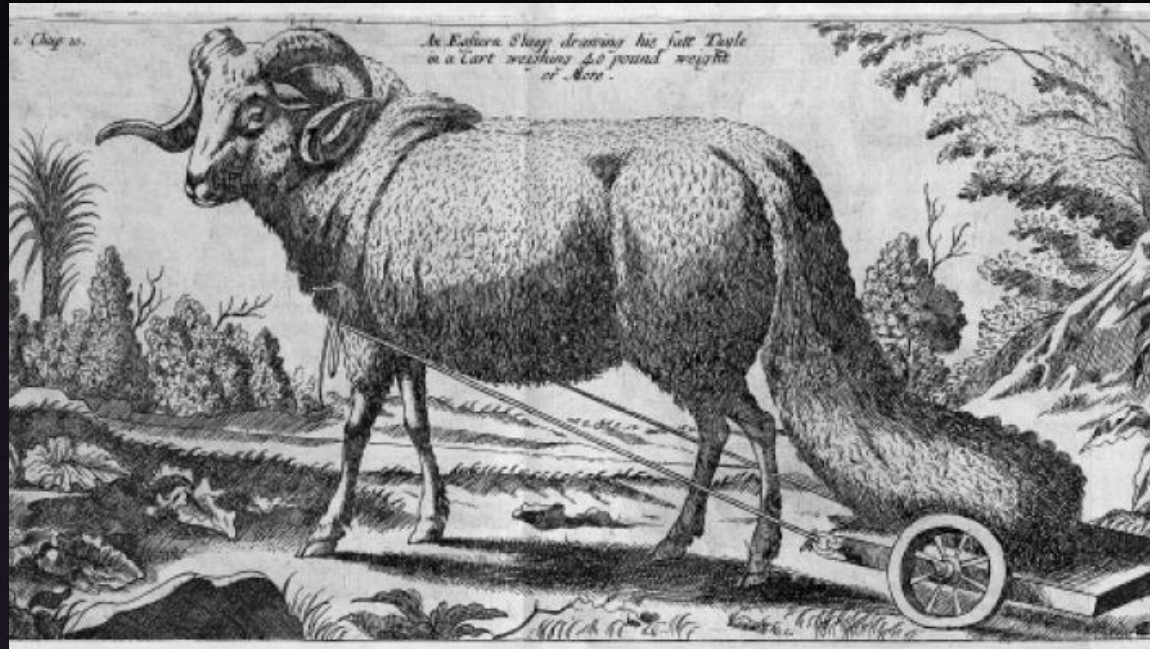
5) Remove Animal Parts: Sheep

- **Lev. 3:9** 'From the sacrifice of peace offerings he shall bring as an offering by fire to the Lord, its fat, **the entire fat tail which he shall remove close to the backbone**, and the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, **10** and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the lobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys.



Fat-Tailed Sheep

Similar to those in Moses' Palestine?



Fat-Tailed Sheep

From 17th century Jewish encyclopedia, after Herodotus' 5th century description



“Awarma”

Arab condiment made from sheep tail



Fat-Tailed Sheep

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HOW? (The Procedure)

- 1) Present Animal *No defect → blameless*
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- 4) Sprinkle Blood (priests) *Atonement*
- 5) Remove Animal Parts *Best, emotion*



HOW? (The Procedure)

- 1) Present Animal *No defect → blameless*
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- 4) Sprinkle Blood (priests) *Atonement*
- 5) Remove Animal Parts *Best, emotion*
- 6) **Burn Animal Parts (priests)**



6) Burn Animal Parts (Priests)

- **Lev. 3:5** 'Then Aaron's sons shall offer *it* up in smoke on the altar on the burnt offering, which is on the wood that is on the fire; it is an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the Lord.
- **Lev. 3:16** 'The priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar as food, an offering by fire for a soothing aroma; all fat is the Lord's. **17** 'It is a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall not eat any fat or any blood.'"



HOW? (The Procedure)

- 1) Present Animal *No defect → blameless*
- 2) Lean on Animal *Identification*
- 3) Slaughter Animal *Substitution*
- 4) Sprinkle Blood (priests) *Atonement*
- 5) Remove Animal Parts *Best, emotion*
- 6) Burn Animal Parts (priests) *Best, emotion*



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- 3) Slaughter Animal *Substitution*
- 4) Sprinkle Blood (priests) *Atonement*
- 5) Remove Animal Parts *Best, emotion*
- 6) Burn Animal Parts (priests) *Best, emotion*
- 7) **Communal Meal**



7) Communal Meal

- **Lev. 7:15** ‘Now as for the flesh of the sacrifice of his thanksgiving peace offerings, **it shall be eaten on the day of his offering**; he shall not leave any of it over until morning. **16** ‘But if the sacrifice of his offering is a votive or a freewill offering, **it shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice, and on the next day what is left of it may be eaten**; **17** but what is left over from the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned with fire.

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7) Communal Meal: Portion for Priests

- **Lev. 7:30** ... He shall bring the fat with the breast, that the breast may be presented as a wave offering before the Lord. **31** 'The priest shall offer up the fat in smoke on the altar, but the **breast** shall belong to Aaron and his sons. **32** 'You shall give the **right thigh** to the priest as a contribution from the sacrifices of your peace offerings. **33** 'The one among the sons of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace offerings and the fat, the right thigh shall be his as *his* portion.



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- 3) Slaughter Animal *Substitution*
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- 5) Remove Animal Parts *Best, emotion*
- 6) Burn Animal Parts (priests) *Best, emotion*
- 7) Communal Meal *Celebrate peace*

The Peace Offering: Celebrating Peace with God



WHY? (The Occasions)



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1) Thanksgiving/Praise





Thanksgiving/Praise

- **Lev. 7:11** ‘Now this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which shall be presented to the Lord. **12** ‘If he offers it by way of **thanksgiving**, then along with the sacrifice of thanksgiving he shall offer unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil, and cakes of *well* stirred fine flour mixed with oil. **13** ‘With the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving, he shall present his offering with cakes of leavened bread. **14** ‘Of this he shall present one of every offering as a contribution to the Lord; it shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings.



WHY? (The Occasions)

- 1) Thanksgiving/Praise
- 2) Vow (Votive)
- 3) Free will



Votive, Free-Will

- **Lev. 7:16** 'But if the sacrifice of his offering is a **votive** or a **freewill** offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice, and on the next day what is left of it may be eaten; **17** but what is left over from the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned with fire.

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Thanksgiving Offerings

- **Psa. 54:6** Willingly I will **sacrifice** to You;
- I will **give thanks** to Your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- **7** For He has delivered me from all trouble,
- And my eye has looked *with satisfaction* upon my enemies.

- **Psa. 56:12** Your **vows** are *binding* upon me, O God;
- I will render **thank offerings** to You.
- **13** For You have delivered my soul from death,
- Indeed my feet from stumbling,
- So that I may walk before God
- In the light of the living.

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E.g. Elkanah & Hannah

- **1Sam. 1:3** Now this man would go up from his city yearly to worship and to **sacrifice** to the Lord of hosts in Shiloh. ... **4** When the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, **he would give portions** to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and her daughters; **5** but to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, but the Lord had closed her womb.



E.g. Elkanah & Hannah

- **1Sam. 1:11** She made a **vow** saying, “O Lord of hosts, if you will look with compassion on the suffering of your female servant, remembering me and not forgetting your servant, and give a male child to your servant, then I will dedicate him to the Lord all the days of his life. His hair will never be cut.”
- ...
- **24** Once she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with **three bulls**, an ephah of flour, and a container of wine. She brought him to the Lord’s house at Shiloh, even though he was young. **25** Once the bull had been slaughtered, they brought the boy to Eli.



Dedication of Temple

- **1 Kings 8:62** Now the king and all Israel with him offered sacrifice before the Lord. 63 Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the Lord, 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. So the king and all the sons of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord.

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WHY? (The Occasions)

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Variants:

Ordination (Ex. 29)

Passover (Deut. 16)



Lord's Supper

- **Ex. 24:5** [Moses] sent young men of the sons of Israel, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as **peace offerings** to the Lord. ... **8** So Moses took the blood and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, “Behold the **blood of the covenant**, which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”
- **Lk. 22: 20** And in the same way *He* took the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is the **new covenant in My blood**.”

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Warnings against uncleanness

- **Lev. 7:20** ‘But the person who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings which belong to the Lord, in his uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from his people. **21** ‘When anyone touches anything unclean, whether human uncleanness, or an unclean animal, or any unclean detestable thing, and eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings which belong to the Lord, that person shall be cut off from his people.’”

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Unique Features of Peace Offering

- ✓ Optional
- ✓ Animals can be Male or Female
- ✓ Offeror eats from the sacrifice
- ✓ Celebration at the end of the ritual

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 So WHAT? (The
Applications)



So WHAT? (The Applications)

✓ Give God our best





God Should Get the Best

- **Mal. 1:7** “You are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, ‘How have we defiled You?’ In that you say, ‘The table of the Lord is to be despised.’ **8** “But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?” says the Lord of hosts.



So WHAT? (The Applications)

- ✓ Give God our best
- ✓ Make sure to have peace with God
 - ✓ Only possible through death of a blameless substitute



Peace Through Jesus' Sacrifice

- **Eph. 2:13** But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the **blood of Christ**. **14** For He Himself is our **peace**, who made both *groups into one* and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,

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Peace Through Jesus' Sacrifice

- **Col. 1:19** For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, **20** and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made **peace** through **the blood of His cross**; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

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So WHAT? (The Applications)

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- ✓ Celebrate peace with God!



Celebrate Peace with God!

- **Heb. 13:10** We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. ... **15** Through Him then, let us continually offer up a **sacrifice of praise** to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

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