<u>Life-Study of Leviticus Summary - Messages 11-15</u>

The Meal Offering Christ for the Satisfaction of God's People Enjoyed Together with God

The emphasis of the meal offering is on Christ's human living and daily walk, implying His death but emphasizing His living. It emphasizes that Christ is righteous-righteous before God. Apart from Christ there is no righteousness. He is the righteousness in this universe. As the burnt offering He is very righteousness of God, and as the meal offering He is the most righteous One. In real worship Christ as the burnt offering ascends to God, and Christ as the meal offering enters our being. In such worship we satisfy God with Christ, and we share with Him our enjoyment of Christ.

The meal offering is made of fine flour which signifies Christ's humanity. The fine flour of the meal offering is produced out of wheat which has passed through many processes, including being sown, buried to die, growing up, being beaten by the wind, frost, rain, and sun, and then being reaped, threshed, sifted and ground. It is perfect in fineness, evenness, tenderness, and gentleness and is fully balanced, with no excess and no deficiency.

The oil of the meal offering signifies the Spirit of God which was poured upon Christ. Frankincense is sweet smelling and causes people to have a very pleasant feeling. This signifies the fragrance of Christ in His resurrection. Christ's humanity bears the aroma of His resurrection manifested out from His sufferings.

We may eat a part of the meal offering. God must be the first to taste and to enjoy the meal offering. The remainder of the meal offering, consisting of fine flour and oil but no frankincense, was to be food for the priests. To eat the fine flour is to eat the oil; it is also to eat the mingling. **The way for us to enjoy Christ's human living is by the Spirit**; the way to eat Jesus is by the Spirit.

There is no leaven in the meal offering signifying no sin or any negative thing in Christ. There is no honey, which will ferment. This signifies that there is no natural affection or natural good in Christ. The salt in the meal offering signifies the death of Christ, the cross.

Christ's humanity has much to do with the Spirit of God. Christ's human living was based on the mingling of His humanity with the Holy Spirit. The humanity and human living of the Lord Jesus were without fault. In Him there was no leaven. With the Lord Jesus there is no honey; He denied the natural life. The Lord Jesus was always salted as He always lived a life under the shadow of the cross. Since the Lord Jesus always lived a life of being salted, a life under the cross, He was always in resurrection. This means that He denied Himself and His natural life and that He lived not Himself but the Father.

Our Christian life should be a duplication of Christ's life. With the meal offering there is the individual aspect, and there is also the corporate aspect. With the meal offering in the form of a cake we have the church life. The church life is not an angelic life but a life full of humanity. It should be a humanity mingled with the Holy Spirit and which has the Holy Spirit poured upon it. This is the proper church life. (Life-Study of Leviticus – Messages 11-15).