<u>Life-Study of Leviticus Summary - Messages 16-20</u>

The Peace Offering Christ

When we are absolutely for God and live by feeding on Christ, the result is peace. When Christ satisfies us, He becomes the peace between us and God. If we are short of peace, we are short of Christ. The amount of peace we have depends on how much of Christ we have.

The peace offering is based upon God's satisfaction in the burnt offering. It is also an issue of the enjoyment of God and man in the meal offering. On the one hand, the peace offering is based on the burnt offering; on the other hand, the peace offering is an issue of the enjoyment of the meal offering.

The fact that the peace offering is of different kinds is not due to Christ but is due to the different conditions of the offerers' enjoyment of Christ. We must learn to overcome all kinds of situations, even praying in our "private room" in order to avoid interruptions, so that we may be in a better and higher condition to enjoy a larger Christ.

The Sin Offering Christ

Although we have peace, we still have certain problems – sin within and sins without – and these surely need to be dealt with. Sin refers to the indwelling sin, which came through Adam into mankind from Satan. Sins refer to the sinful deeds, the fruits of the indwelling sin.

The issue of our experience of the first three offerings is fellowship with God, who is light. In the light we see our failures, our mistakes, and our wrong attitude toward others. Eventually we realize not only that we have outward sins but also that sin dwells in our flesh. We even realize that we ourselves are sin. Oh may we all be willing to be enlightened and look to the Lord for light! Whenever we have the experience of enjoying peace with the Triune God, we will realize our need of the sin offering. The sin offering means that sin in the flesh has been condemned, that our old man has been crucified, that Satan has been destroyed, and that the world has been condemned and the ruler of the world cast out.

In the sin offering, the fallen man, the old man, included in the flesh of Christ, is dealt with; the world is judged; sin in the nature of fallen man is condemned; Satan, sin itself, is destroyed, and the prince of the world is cast out. This is the efficacy of the sin offering.

Some of the blood of the sin offering was brought into the tent of meeting and sprinkled seven times toward the veil of the Holy of Holies. This signifies that the blood of Christ has been brought into the Holy of Holies in the heavens for our redemption. The blood put upon the horns of the incense altar signifies that the redemption of Christ's blood is effective for us to contact God in prayer. The blood upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering signifies that the blood of Christ is effective for our redemption. The rest of the blood poured out at the base of the altar of burnt offering signifies that blood of Christ at the standing of the cross for the peace in our conscience that we are redeemed and accepted by God.

The sin offering was to be slaughtered in the place where the burnt offering was slaughtered. This indicates that the sin offering is based upon the burnt offering and signifies that Christ is the sin offering for us based upon His being the burnt offering. For the priests' service, the sin offering is followed by the burnt offering. On the one hand, the sin offering is based on the burnt offering. On the other hand, the burnt offering follows the sin offering. The more we enjoy the Lord Jesus as our burnt offering, the more we realize that we are sinful. Then we take Him as our sin offering more deeply than ever, and this causes us to enjoy Him more as the burnt offering. (Life-Study of Leviticus – Messages 16-20).