

Numbers 28 - The Burnt Offering - Drawing Near to God

Num 28:2-3 ESV "Command the people of Israel and say to them, 'My **offering**, my food for my food **offerings**, my pleasing aroma, you shall be careful to **offer** to me at its appointed time.' 3 And you shall say to them, This is the food **offering** that you shall **offer** to the LORD: two male lambs a year old without blemish, day by day, as a regular **offering**."

Typically when we think of an OFFERING - we think of something we GIVE UP

In fact the word carries the idea of "that which causes us to DRAW NEAR to God"

- One of the words- Korban - **something brought near the altar**
 - In pictographs the idea of **gathering or drawing the man home**
- The burnt offering was **changed or transformed** - turned to smoke
 - In the Hebrew language there was a sense that the person who brought the offering was transformed and ascended close to God...much like the animal was transformed [*turned to smoke*] and ascended to God

Notice the frequency - constant reminder to draw near to him and be transformed

- **DAILY** - *Day by day* as a regular offering (Exodus 29:38-42; Numbers 28:2)
- **WEEKLY** - *Each Sabbath* (Numbers 28:9-10)
- **MONTHLY** -The *beginning of each month (New Moon)* (Numbers 28:11; Numbers 29:6)
- **ANNUALLY** At the **FESTIVALS** (annual feast days)
 - At **Passover** (Numbers 28:15-19)
 - At **Pentecost** (Numbers 28:26-27)
 - At **Tabernacles** (Numbers 29:1)

Paul addresses this in the NT - these are shadows, the substance is Christ

Col 2:16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, **or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.** 17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but **the substance [body] belongs to Christ.**

- So we don't want to live in the shadow, we want to live in the body, or the SUBSTANCE

What preceded this comment? - WHAT IS THE THEREFORE THERE FOR?

Col 2:6-23 ESV Therefore, as you **received** Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk in him**, 7 **rooted and built up in him** and **established in the faith**, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For **in him** **the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily**, 10 **and you have been filled in him**, who is the head of all rule and authority. 11 **In him** also **you were circumcised** with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, **by the circumcision of Christ**, 12 having been **buried with him in baptism**, in which you were also raised **with him** through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And **you, who were dead** in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God **made alive together with him**, **having forgiven us all our trespasses**, 14 by **canceling the record of debt** that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing

it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Christ is the true Burnt Offering

- Being with HIM or In Him is **the only thing that brings us HOME**
- Being with HIM or In Him is **the only thing that TRANSFORMS US**

How the Work of Christ in Us is Reflected in the Festivals

PASSOVER - (Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits)

- We experience the SUBSTANCE of passover in our salvation and water baptism

PENTECOST

- We experience the SUBSTANCE of Pentecost in the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

TABERNACLES - (Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles)

- We experience the SUBSTANCE of Tabernacles **as we grow into the image of Christ**

Heb 6:1:3 Repentance from works, faith toward God [i.e. salvation] and the doctrine of baptisms [water baptism and baptism in the Holy Spirit] are FOUNDATIONAL to our walk in the LORD and His work in us and our going on to maturity

These are a critical part of our Foundation and Journey as a follower of Jesus

In Jerusalem -- Act 2:37-39 ESV Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "**Repent** and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and **you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

In Samaria -- Act 8:12-17 ESV But when **they believed** Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptized**, both men and women. 13 Even Simon himself **believed**, and after being **baptized** he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed. 14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, 15 who came down and **prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit**, 16 for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then **they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit**.

Paul -- Act 9:4-5 ESV And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" 5 And he said, "**Who are you, Lord?**" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. --- --- Act 22:10 ESV And I said, '**What shall I do, Lord?**' And the Lord said to me, 'Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.' --- --- Act 9:17-18 ESV So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and **be filled with the Holy Spirit**." 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was **baptized**;

Cornelius and his household - Act 10:44-48 ESV While Peter was still saying these things, **the Holy Spirit fell** on all who heard the word. 45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because **the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out** even on the Gentiles. 46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, 47 "Can anyone withhold **water for baptizing these people**, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be **baptized in the name of Jesus Christ**. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

At Ephesus - Act 19:1-6 ESV And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2 And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you **believed**?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." 4 And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**. 6 And when **Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them**, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

| Event | Repent / Believe | Water Baptism | Baptism in Holy Spirit |
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| In Jerusalem Act 2:37-39 | Peter said to them, "Repent" | be baptized every one of you | you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit |
| In Samaria Act 8:12-17 | they believed Philip | they were baptized | they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit |
| Paul Acts 9 and 22 | What shall I do, Lord | Then he rose and was baptized | that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit |
| Cornelius and his household Act 10:44-48 | <i>Their belief is implied</i> | Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people ... he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ . | the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word |
| At Ephesus Act 19:1-6 | Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed ? | On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus | Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them |