

Part 5 – Consecration: Wave and Heave offerings

Exodus 29

22 Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right shoulder; for **it is a ram of consecration**:

23 And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the LORD:

24 And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and **shalt wave them for a wave offering before the LORD**.

25 And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and **burn them upon the altar for a burnt offering**, for a sweet savour before the LORD: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
[Mk 9:49, Mth 5:13, Lk 12:49]

26 And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it for a wave offering before the LORD: and it shall be thy part.

27 And thou shalt sanctify the **breast of the wave offering**, and the **shoulder of the heave offering**, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons:

Let's remember that there has already been a 'sin offering' offered, which was the bullock. This symbolized the sins of our heart that we are to crucify (kick out of our heart) *daily* (Lk 9:23). We then learned of one of the rams that was a 'burnt offering', which is symbolic of our total devotion to God (YHVH). Now, we are told what was to be done with the other ram, which is called the 'ram of consecration'. The word 'consecration' here is #4394 and means: *fulfilling* (only in plural), i.e. (literally) *a setting (of gems)*, or (technically) *consecration* (also concretely, *a dedicatory sacrifice*). It comes from #4390, a primitive root that means: *to fill* or (intransitively) *be full of*, in a wide application (literally and figuratively). Thus, these blood sacrifices (offerings) teach us how the priests of God are to fulfill their duty to God; they must be equipped with the Word of God and the Holy Spirit in order to serve God.

We're told that Moses was to take very specific parts of this ram (*the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right shoulder*) and give them to Aaron and his sons so they could then *wave them for a wave offering before the LORD*. Along with the specified parts of the ram, they were also to 'wave' a loaf of bread, a cake of oiled bread and one 'wafer' out of the basket of unleavened bread. After that, Moses was to 'receive' these offerings (for God) and then they were to all be burnt upon the altar for another 'burnt offering' which is a sweet savor to God, because the burnt offering symbolizes us being totally devoted to Him. The breast of the ram was then to be given Moses and the shoulder was to be given to the priests as their 'part' of the offering which they could eat *after* they were sanctified. The breast of the animal was to be a 'wave' offering and the shoulder was to be a 'heave' offering. Notably, there were other times offerings were to be waved or heaved before God but this was for the consecrating of the priests. So, what does the 'wave' and the 'heave' symbolize? Let's look at the meanings...

“**Wave**” is #8573 *a brandishing* (in threat); by implication, *tumult*; specifically, *the official undulation of sacrificial offerings*. Translated in the KJV as - offering, shaking, wave (offering).

“**Heave**” is #8641 and means: *a present (as offered up)*, especially *in sacrifice or as tribute*. Translated in the KJV as - gift, heave offering ([shoulder]), oblation, offered (-ing).

These definitions give us a bit of insight into the difference between the ‘wave’ and the ‘heave’ offering. The heave offering is specified to have been offered **up** and that’s where we find the difference. The wave offering was merely ‘waved’ ‘before the Lord’, which means it was waved *towards* the Ark of the Covenant that was in the Holy of Holies, for that’s where God would be. Notice though that, different parts of the same ram (which was the ‘consecration’ ram) was first waved ‘towards’ God and then heaved ‘up’ to God (YHWH). It was first waved and then heaved. This tells us this is another ‘object lesson’ for us to learn from.

The wave and heave offerings are thought by many scholars to symbolize how Jesus Christ (who was the *perfect* sacrifice) rose from the dead (His resurrection) and then rose (ascended) up to Heaven, forty days later. While this type certainly fits for the wave and heave offerings made at the time of the first fruit offerings (Pentecost) (Lev 23), does it fit for this case too? Perhaps it does but let’s remember we are learning of the priest’s consecration, not the first fruit offering. And what we’ve seen so far is a sin offering given (the bullock) to clean them of their sins (which start in the heart as Mth 15:13-20 and Mk 7:20-23 document). Then there was a ram offered in a burnt offering (symbolic of complete devotion to God) and the entire thing was burnt (consumed by fire). Nothing was left for the priests. Next, part of the *other* ram was first waved to God and then burnt (along with one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread). The breast and shoulder were then sanctified; the breast went to Moses and the shoulder went to Aaron and his sons (the priests to eat).

Sometimes the metaphors in the Bible are difficult to interpret; so perhaps the wave and heave offerings here symbolize Jesus’ resurrection and ascension into heaven (as all sacrifices and offerings pointed to Him), but what is clearly evident is that, this ritual (which made the priests clean, fit for service) *shows us the way we are to clean our heart and mind if we want to serve God*. They therefore also point to Jesus (and were fulfilled by Him, Mth 5:17, Heb 10:10) because He was the *perfect* Sacrifice. Therefore, His sinless birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension all teach us (in different ways) how to fulfil these ‘sacrifices’ *spiritually*. In other words, they teach us how to truly worship God, which requires obedience to God and sacrificing the carnal mind (heart) that’s in all of us, *daily* (Lk 9:23). And, since Jesus was our example, He fulfilled them *perfectly*. That’s why the sacrifices can, at the same time, be pointing to Jesus (which He fulfilled perfectly, Heb 10:10) and yet also be teaching us what we are to do in order to truly be pleasing to God and how to worship and serve Him. This is important to remember.

Remember also what 1 Peter 2:6 says: *ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up **spiritual sacrifices**, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ*. So, we first

must accept Jesus Christ as our personal savior *and* King. We must accept that He ‘became sin’ for us when He died for us because our sins were put on His shoulders (Isa 53, Rom 5:8, 1 Thes 5:10-11). Jesus therefore fulfilled ***all*** the blood sacrifices *once and for all times* (Heb 10:10). But He also lived the perfect life (from conception to death) and did not sin even once, not even in His heart (Heb 4:15, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5). Jesus lived His life in total devotion to God, just as the ram was totally burnt by fire. We need to strive to be that devoted to God as well. In Matt 6:33 Jesus told us to *seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.* The primary focus (what’s most important to us) in our life should be to serve our Heavenly Father. This does *not* mean we should neglect our family or other responsibilities in life but that, we must *always* strive to obey God (from the heart) in all that we do. But really, in order to truly do so, we must also serve His children. This is why the Ten Commandments were summarized by Jesus as being...

*37 Thou shalt love the Lord thy God **with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.***

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matt 22:37-40

We learned the difference between our heart, soul and mind a few chapters back in Exodus 20, Part 1 [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Exodus/88] but you can also read it as a special study in [Graven Images - Body, Soul and Spirit Analogy <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1017>]. God wants us to love Him with all our heart, soul and mind. And this kind of devotion to God is taught through the ‘imagery’ of the burnt offerings while devotion to our fellow mankind is taught in the ‘imagery’ of the meat offering (of which the one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread were a part of). These things were waved to God in the priest’s consecration. They were offered to God and then burnt up totally. This teaches us our devotion in obeying (loving) God and treating His children according to His Laws (loving them, Rom 13:10) must be paramount in our lives if we are to be a priest (serve) in the kingdom of God (with Jesus as our King).

But how can we do this? Don’t we still sin after accepting Jesus Christ? Yes, we will still sin but there is a *big* difference between sincerely striving *not* to sin and *willingly* sinning. It’s only through crucifying the ‘old man’ (daily) and allowing the ‘new man’ to rise up in our heart that this can be possible. This means we must have a sincere change of heart and begin to think and desire to obey God instead of our own lusts, pride, selfishness and so forth (all the works of the flesh Gal 5 and elsewhere speak of). Of course, this takes time, patience, perseverance, determination, sincerity, humility, honesty and being able to ‘stick to it’ (crucifying the old man) no matter what happens in your life. While we are not without fault after we have repented and committed our life to Jesus Christ, we must strive to allow His Light to shine through us by trying hard to change from our sinful ways and obey God. Believe it or not, this really does make a difference in the world simply because you are no longer ‘going along to get along’. You are no

longer sinning against God *without caring*. When you sincerely try to obey God, you really do shine a light on all those who don't give a darn about obeying Him. It truly does make a difference, even though we are not without sin. The mere fact that we are striving to change for the better shines the light of Jesus Christ on others. Even if it's something simple like you stop engaging in gossip (which is terribly destructive) or stop cussing. These small things make a difference. And, as you grow, you'll learn different ways to stop sinning and obey God in different areas of your life. You'll also learn how to better obey Him in *all* areas if you stay focused on studying His Word yourself (2 Tim 2:15) and striving sincerely to apply it to your life. You don't have to be 'perfect' (without fault) to shine the Light of Jesus Christ. This world is so dark (lacks the truth) that when the spark of truth shines in just one child of God (through conviction and repentance and striving to live obediently to God), they can literally shine up an entire room because they have begun to let Jesus Christ shine through them, even in just a small way. Think of it this way: consider being in a dark room where there are no windows – just total darkness. But you have a very small flashlight. It will still bring light to the room, does it not? Of course! Everyone else in the room can see it. Some like it but some don't. That's just the way it is (John 3:19-21). And, as you grow spiritually, by learning God's Word and working to apply it in your life, your 'flashlight' grows bigger and brighter. It truly does make a difference so stick with it! *Never, ever give up...*

21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Heb 10:21-24

Now, let's consider another aspect to these offerings that 'consecrated' the priests... in John 6, Jesus taught us that we must spiritually 'eat and drink' His Word and His Holy Spirit IF we want to live forever. Many were offended by this teaching because He used an analogy they did not understand. Jesus said that we must 'eat' His body and 'drink' His blood if we want to live forever. You see, He had just fed around five thousand people with only two fish and five loaves of bread. And the people sought Him out looking for another free meal. That's when He began to teach them about the *true* food He had to offer, which was not physical – it is *spiritual*. The people did not understand that *the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost* (Rom 14:17). So, Jesus used an analogy (as usual) to explain...

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

*54 **Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.***

*55 **For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.***

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

*57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so **he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.***

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

John 6:53-58

Because the people (even His disciples) were ‘thinking in the flesh’, they thought He was speaking *literally*. You can see why they were offended at the thought of cannibalism but *they missed the point*. The point was (and still is) that Jesus became the perfect sacrifice for us. Indeed, His life (from birth to death) was a sacrifice in that He fulfilled all the blood sacrifices *perfectly*. This is because Jesus Christ was the Living Word, as the book of John tells us that...

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**...*

*...14 And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,** (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

John 1:1, 14

The Word of God was made flesh. Therefore, He *could* be sacrificed. In other words, our Heavenly Father loved His children (us) so much that He was willing to die for us. But, because He is eternal (always has been and always will be) ... how could He die to pay for our sins? *Only through a flesh body could God die*. Therefore, He was incarnated into a flesh body (tabernacle) as Jesus Christ. This is why Jesus was the “Living Word” - His entire life fulfilled those laws (the rituals and blood sacrifices) *perfectly*. So, when Jesus said we must ‘eat His flesh’ and ‘drink His blood’, *it was simply an analogy* to explain we must spiritually ‘eat’ His words and spiritually ‘drink’ His Holy Spirit. “Eating” has long been used as an analogy in the Bible to mean that we must understand (spiritually digest) God’s Word. In Genesis 3, when God told Adam and Eve not to ‘eat’ of the ‘tree of knowledge of good and evil’, He was not talking about literally eating from a physical tree. He was saying not to communicate or believe what that ‘tree’ (who is Satan) said. Eve sinned when she entertained (listened) to what the ‘serpent’ (who was Satan, the devil, Rev 20:2) said. She then further ‘partook’ of this ‘tree’ and ended up bearing a child to him called Cain. [Learn more with the **Parable of the Tares** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/251>]. Because of their sin, Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden of Eden ‘*lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever*’ (Gen 3:22). The tree of life, of course, is God Himself (Rev 22:1-3). And He was not concerned that Adam and Eve would partake of a physical fruit from His tree but the knowledge they would have access to would now be limited due to their sin. Their flesh bodies, consequently, would not be able to live forever without God’s sustaining power. Further, this analogy was also used when Ezekiel was told to ‘eat’ the book God gave Him (the Word of God). Ezekiel 1 documents that God Himself came to visit Ezekiel in this flesh dimension on His flying vehicle, on which His throne was [learn more about this in: You Will See Clouds and Wheels, Part 1 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/392> and You Will See Clouds and Wheels, Part 2 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/393>]. God had such an important commission for Ezekiel that He came to this earth Himself to deliver it. What did

He say? Remember now, this is directly from God Himself. And yes, He will use the same analogy as Jesus Christ did...

7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.

8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.

9 And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein;

10 And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

11 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.

*12 So I opened my mouth, **and he caused me to eat that roll.***

*13 And he said unto me, Son of man, **cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll** that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.*

14 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.

Ezek 2:7-10, 3:1-4

God Himself told Ezekiel to ‘eat’ the ‘roll’ that was ‘laid out’ before Him. He did not give Him physical food but the Word of God. And Ezekiel was commanded to not be like the rebellious children of Israel... why? Because they refused to hear and believe God’s Word! Further, Ezekiel was given God’s Word so he would be equipped to ‘speak’ God’s Words to the children of Israel. This is a clear analogy used, literally, by God Himself. Moreover, this analogy is still used today. The word ‘digest’ is still used in the English language to explain *how we are to spiritually intake words and understand them*. Therefore, Jesus was simply saying we must take His Words into our heart and mind and understand them (digest them) if we want to live forever. And we can only understand them with the help of His Holy Spirit, which is what the ‘drink’ (His blood and the Living Water) symbolizes. He clarified this later on when explaining to the disciples that...

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:63

Jesus’ words are ‘spirit’ and they therefore are life to our soul. So, when we partake spiritually of Jesus’ flesh (which is the Word of God) and His blood (which is His Holy Spirit) we are then made fit to serve as God’s priests because *His Holy Spirit and His Word are what clean us*. While John 15:3, Rom 15:16, Acts 26:18, 1 Cor 1:2 and 6:11 document this clearly, Heb 10:1-22 explains very also that *we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all* (vs 10). Verse 22 then explains how we are to be priests to God now by stating: *Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, **having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*** Paul (through the Holy Spirit) further explains in Romans...

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Rom 12:1-2

So, truly, Jesus did become our ‘wave offering’ because He fulfilled *all* the carnal offerings. And we too are to be living sacrifices *by the way we live our life*. And ‘the way’ we live our life is determined by what we believe (have faith) in. This is why the blood of the first burnt offering (ram) was put on the priest’s right ear, thumb and toe. They (as all who believe in and follow Jesus Christ today) were to *hear* God, *listen* to Him and *obey* Him. Their works were to reflect His laws and their course of life (path) was to follow His ways. And again, we see how Jesus fulfilled this because His life perfectly fulfilled the sacrifices in that Jesus obeyed God’s Laws without fault. Further, He did all the things the Scriptures prophesied He would in His First Advent. Thus, He is THE Way to eternal life. His life shows us what we must strive to do (from the heart) and also covers our shortcomings (sins) when we repent for them. Jesus told us as much in John 14:6 when He said: *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*. The only way to eternal life is through believing in Jesus Christ because *what we believe in controls the way we think and what we do*. The doctrine that all ‘roads’ (meaning religions) lead to heaven – *is false*. And that’s because we cannot deny that God Himself came to this earth in a flesh body and died for our sins IF we want to live forever. We have to accept the sacrifices of Jesus if we want to be atoned for our sins (which we all have); because, if we don’t accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our sins, we won’t repent or try to sacrifice our carnal mind, which is what’s needed to live in God’s Kingdom.

Now, let’s also remember how these sacrifices applies to us. Remember what the duty of the priesthood was? It was to bring man back to God. When God wanted to consecrate (clean) His priests to serve Him, He had to make sure they were clean of their sins (sin offering) and also totally devoted to serving Him and their fellow man (first burnt offering). Thus, the last ram contained a burnt offering (symbolic of devotion to serving God) as well as a meal offering (symbolic of devotion to serving mankind). They were then presented to God in a horizontal motion first and then in an upward motion. This also teaches us that, in order to be truly loyal to God, we must help our fellow man kind. We cannot harden our heart to their needs...

14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

19 *Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*
20 *But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*
21 *Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?*
22 *Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?*
23 *And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.*
24 *Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.*
25 *Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?*
26 *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*
James 2:14-26

While it is certainly a good thing to help people with their physical needs, it must be done with discernment. Many times, people make their own problems and helping them physically will only harm them. Such as with a person who is addicted to drugs or alcohol. If you give them money, or even food, or other amenities, *you're only aiding their destructive addition* because they'll spend the extra money on their addiction. Also, many people spend money on things they don't need (like entertainment, which often times is also a very destructive habit) and then claim they don't have enough money for the basic necessities. These kinds of people (of which there are many) simply do not know how to manage their money, assets or their time. Again, helping them out physically will only aid in their addictions and mismanagement. They *need* to be physically hungry to learn how to better manage what God has given them. So, giving materially (while not bad in itself) must be done with great discretion [learn more with the special study: **Isn't It Okay to Help?** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/292>]. But giving people the truth and access to studying God's Word is something that will *always* help them, IF they are willing to learn of God's Word and actually apply it to their lives. It's like the saying goes: 'Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for life'. Further, feeding people spiritual food is critical to being a part of God's Kingdom...

17 *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*
18 *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*
19 *Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*
20 *For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*
Matt 5:17-20

Jesus told us that those who will be 'great' in His kingdom, are those who actually DO His commandments AND teach others how to obey them too. And, although we are not to 'cast our

pearls' (the truth) before swine (to those who do not want to hear God's Word - Matt 7:6), we are to *walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man* (Col 4:5-6). Eph 5:15-16 also tells us to *see then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

However, our service to God must begin with cleaning our own heart and then helping others to do the same; otherwise, we will just be hypocrites. This is what Jesus pointed out in...

1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Matt 7:1-5

Jesus did not tell us we should *never* judge but that we should do so righteously (John 7:24), which means *without hypocrisy*. Psalms 15 also tells us that those *in whose eyes a vile person is contemned* are those who will be abiding in the Tabernacle of God (Ps 15:4). So, obviously, being able to judge (discern) between right and wrong (good vs evil) is essential to being able to serve God but we cannot judge others rightly (or fairly) if we cannot even judge ourselves. This means to look honestly at ourselves, repenting for the sins we see, strive to stop them (beginning in our heart) and continue to 'crucify' the 'old man' daily (Lk 9:23).

Exodus 29

*28 And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute for ever from the children of Israel: for it is an **heave offering**: and it shall be an **heave offering** from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their **peace offerings**, even their **heave offering** unto the LORD.*

Leviticus repeats this...

32 And the right shoulder shall ye give unto the priest for an heave offering of the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

33 He among the sons of Aaron, that offereth the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for his part.

34 For the wave breast and the heave shoulder have I taken of the children of Israel from off the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest and unto his sons by a statute for ever from among the children of Israel.

Lev 7:32-34

The ‘shoulder’ from the peace and heave offerings and the ‘wave breast’, were to forever go to the priests, who were the Aaron and his descendants. That was their portion (payment) for serving God. Now, we know that the blood sacrifices have been done away with because Jesus Christ fulfilled them all for all times (Heb 10:10). We also know that those who serve God are ‘whomsoever will’ that the Holy Spirit chooses (Acts 15:7-11); you don’t have to be from the tribe of Levi (or even from the children of Israel) to serve God. Further, only God can do the consecrating because only He (His Word and His Holy Spirit) can clean us spiritually, which is what makes us fit to serve Him. Therefore, let us consider how He is now building His ‘Body of Christ’, which is His eternal government...

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Rom 12:1-5

Notice how Paul points out that our ‘reasonable service’ to God is to present our bodies as a ‘living sacrifice’. This simply means that we are not to pervert ourselves, not spiritually or physically. We are to strive to obey God’s Word from the heart and not conform to the world or their ‘traditions’ (which make void God’s Word – Mth 15:2-9). In Moses’ day, the government of God was set up with rituals and blood sacrifices because they looked forward to how God’s eternal Kingdom was going to be filled (and run by) people who know how to ‘sacrifice’ their sinful nature and help others unselfishly. True love is obeying God (Rom 13:10) and it takes sacrificing our selfish, lustful, greedy, and prideful (etc.) ‘self’ in order to do that. This, Jesus Christ did perfectly. ***He gave us the perfect example to look to so we no longer needed the blood sacrifices to look to and learn from because we can now look at His life and see how we should be living. Jesus Christ ‘acted out’ all the blood sacrificial rituals throughout His life and thus He perfectly fulfilled them*** (Mth 5:17) and we, therefore, don’t need to perform them anymore. In fact, to do so is blasphemous because you are saying you don’t believe Jesus Christ fulfilled the blood sacrifices. Now, it’s still good to study and learn from the blood sacrifices, but only if we do so in conjunction to studying the life of Jesus Christ. From these two ‘witnesses’ we glean the full picture of what it takes to be a part of the eternal Kingdom of God, of which Jesus Christ is the head of (the King of kings and Lord of lords, Rev 19:16). So, to try and make a ‘peace offering’ or a ‘heave offering’ (to try and communicate with God) without being willing to love others (according to God’s Word) is truly an effort in vain. The book of John tells us...

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

1 John 4:20-21

Our devotion (our own spiritual offering) to God must be shown to our fellow mankind in order for it to be sincere with God. Why? Because, *they are in this dimension with us*. We can actually see them. The epistles of John further tell us...

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:16-18

God said that if we love Him, we'll love His children. Remember, love is defined by God as obeying His laws (Rom 13:10). So, He simply requires us to treat others equally *in accordance with His laws* (Lev 19:17) to the best of our ability. We are to sacrifice our carnal inclinations to do ill to others (jealousy, envy, greed, etc.) and that paves the way to pleasing our Heavenly Father. Although Jesus was the sacrifice for one and all times, we must spiritually sacrifice the 'old man' each and every day if we are going to truly follow Him (Lk 9:23).

5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

*8 Though he were a Son, **yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;***

*9 And **being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;***

Heb 5:5-9

Jesus became perfect (spiritually mature) by obeying God even when He was suffering. Jesus Christ (the true heave offering) indeed ascended into heaven and is at the right hand of God (Acts 2:33, Rom 8:34, Eph 1:20, Col 3:1, etc.), thus He gives us the ability to make a spiritual offerings to God when we *rise to a higher level of thinking and kick out our sinful desires* so that we can help others instead of feed our selfish carnal inclinations. [To further study Consecration, check out this audio study: <https://t.me/BibleStudyAudios/64>]

We'll pick up with this in Part 6...

AMEN.