

Sanctuary Messages Series
Lesson 15: Services, Offerings, and Festivals
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What were the sanctuary services, offerings, and festivals that teach us lessons of the salvation and ministry of Jesus Christ?

Two distinct services in the sanctuary, the daily and yearly service.

1. Where was the daily service done and what was typically done daily in the sanctuary?

The **Daily Service** was performed in two distinct places of the sanctuary, the courtyard and in the Holy Place. Both the priest and the High Priest ministered in both places.

Courtyard

- a. Altar of Sacrifice/Brasen Altar-Daily Offerings or Sacrifice made (various type)
- b. Laver – washing before priest went into the holy place

Holy Place

- a. Table of Shewbread
- b. Candlestick
- c. Altar of Incense

What does the Bible say about the Daily work in the sanctuary Courtyard and Holy Place?

In the Courtyard

Numbers 4:16 And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *pertaineth* the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the **daily** meat offering, and the anointing oil, *and* the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein *is*, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof.

Exodus 29:38 - 46

38 Now this *is that* which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually.

39 The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even:

42 *This shall be a* **continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door** of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.

43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *the tabernacle* shall be sanctified by my glory.

44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

45 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

46 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I *am* the LORD their God.

Every morning and evening a lamb of a year old was burned upon the altar, with its appropriate meat offering, thus symbolizing the daily consecration of the nation to God, and their constant dependence upon the atoning blood of Christ.

Also everyday individuals brought offerings/sacrifices into the courtyard of the sanctuary.

Inside the holy place

Exodus 30:7-8

7 And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense **every morning**: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.

8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

Leviticus 24:3-8

3 Without the vail of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: *it shall be* a statute for ever in your generations.

4 He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the LORD continually.

5 And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake.

6 And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the LORD.

7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

8 Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.

In the Holy Place, the candlestick had to continually be maintained to give light in the Holy Place. Also the Altar of Incense was to continually burn before the Lord. Every Sabbath fresh bread was set at the Table of Shewbread also known as the Table of His Presence.

What lessons in the sanctuary daily service was Jesus teaching us that we are to apply in our daily lives?

Daily Sacrifice (In the courtyard – Altar of Sacrifice)

Romans 12:1 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 Corinthians 4:14-16

14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present *us* with you.

15 For all things *are* for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.

1 Corinthians 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

Daily Washing at the Laver

2 Corinthians 7:1

1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Ephesians 5:26

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Daily prayers at the Altar of Incense

1 Thessalonians 5:17

17 Pray without ceasing.

Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Daily study at the Table of shew bread

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

Daily ministry at the Candlestick

Matthew 5:14

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Luke 19:47 And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him,

Acts 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Acts 16:5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

Where was the yearly service done and what was typically done yearly in the sanctuary?

Hebrews 9:6-7

6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

7 But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

Exodus 30:10 And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it *is* most holy unto the LORD.

The yearly service was in the Most Holy. {PP 351.4}

“No mortal eye but that of the high priest was to look upon the inner apartment of the sanctuary. Only once a year could the priest enter there, and that after the most careful and solemn preparation. With trembling he went in before God, and the people in reverent silence awaited his return, their hearts uplifted in earnest prayer for the divine blessing. Before the mercy seat the high priest made the atonement for Israel; and in the cloud of glory, God met with him. His stay here beyond the accustomed time filled them with fear, lest because of their sins or his own he had been slain by the glory of the Lord.” {PP 352.1}

What were five keys offerings & sacrifices that were offered on the Altar of Sacrifice daily service? Purpose? Significance? How is each one related to Jesus Christ?

5 Key Offering & Sacrifices	Purpose	Significance	Christ, the Perfect Offering
Burnt Offering (Lev. 1 – Voluntary) Read Leviticus 1:3 - 6	To make payment for sins in general	Showed a person's devotion to God	Christ voluntarily gave His life so we can live. Christ's death was the perfect offering.
Meat (Grain/Meal) Offering (Lev. 2 – Voluntary) Read Leviticus 6:14 - 17	A gratitude offering to God, for the bounties of blessings displayed in the fruits of the earth.	Acknowledged that all we have belongs to God	Christ was God clothed with humanity. His gave all of Himself to God the Father and others.
Peace (Fellowship) Offering (Lev. 3 – Voluntary) Read Leviticus 3:1,2	To express gratitude to God. A voluntary	Symbolized peace and fellowship with God	Christ is the way to Peace. He is our only way to fellowship with God. Christ is truly our Pathway to Peace.

	tribute of gratitude for health or other benefits.		
Sin Offering (Lev 4 – Required) Read Leviticus 4:2,13-17 Leviticus 4:27-30	To make payment for a specific sin	Restored the sinner to fellowship with God; showed the seriousness of sin.	Christ's death (spilled blood) restores our fellowship with God.
Trespass (Guilt) Offering (Lev 5 – 6 Required) Read Leviticus 6:2 - 7	To make payment for sins against God and others. A sacrifice was made to God and the injured person was repaid or compensated.	Provided compensation for the injured parties	Christ's death takes away to deadly consequences of sin. The payment of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life (Romans 6:23).

Is any sacrifice acceptable unto the Lord?

Unacceptable Offering / Sacrifices

Leviticus 22:19-25

19 *Ye shall offer* at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves [oxen], of the sheep, or of the goats.

20 *But whatsoever* hath a blemish, *that* shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you.

21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD to accomplish *his* vow, or a freewill offering in beeves or sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.

22 Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD.

23 Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer *for* a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

24 Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make *any offering thereof* in your land.

25 Neither from a stranger's hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption *is* in them, *and* blemishes *be* in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

What are the 7 festivals associated with the sanctuary message of salvation?

1. Passover
2. Feast of Unleavened Bread
3. Feast of First Fruits
4. Pentecost (Feast of Weeks)
5. Feast of Trumpets
6. Day of Atonement
7. Feast of Tabernacles

What is the prophetic lessons that Jesus was teaching in the feast days? Has Jesus prophetically fulfilled each feast day? What lessons do we learn from these feast? Are we required to keep these feast days?

To be continued....

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