

Life-Study of Exodus Summaries – Messages 141-145

MESSAGES 141–145 –The Sanctification of Aaron and his Sons to be the Priests

Ministering Food to God

The fourth step of sanctification, **ministering Christ to God as food for God's satisfaction**, was related to **God's need**. The first course was a bull for a sin offering. This was followed by two lambs with the flour, the oil, and the wine for a burnt offering. The burnt offering is God's food; however, **for God to eat the burnt offering we present to Him, we must first offer the sin offering**. The sin offering is not food in a direct way. The sin offering solves the problem between the host, the inviter, and God, the invited one.

Every day we need to offer Christ as our sin offering. The altar is purified by having propitiation made upon it. The sin offering purifies our dining table, the altar, and makes it clean as a place for eating. In verse 36, the altar was to be anointed in order to be sanctified. The blood purifies us, and the oil causes us to shine. Therefore **we need both the blood to make us pure and the Spirit to cause us to shine**. This is to be sanctified.

Growing Christ

To live Christ is actually to grow and raise Christ. If we would raise Christ as a bull for our sin offering, every morning we need to practice offering Christ as our sin offering. The more we offer Christ as the sin offering, the more He will grow in us in this aspect. In the meetings of the church we must have the proper content. It is absolutely necessary that we grow Christ as the vegetable life and raise Him as the animal life.

Food for God's Satisfaction

In saving us, God does not eradicate our sinful nature at the time of our repentance, conversion, and regeneration. We need to be reminded that **in our old nature, our flesh, we are still sinful**. When we **apply Christ as the sin offering**, the problem between us and God is solved, and we are cleansed. Because God has been appeased through Christ as the sin offering, **we may be at peace and can serve food to God**.

We also raise Christ as a lamb for a burnt offering. **Offering Christ as the sin offering is the way to raise Christ as a lamb**. To follow Christ as the Lamb is to raise Him as a lamb. Christ is uniquely one, but in our experience, **we may have Him in many ways**. Therefore, eventually **we shall raise Christ as a flock of lambs**. If we continue to practice offering Christ as our sin offering, we shall live by Christ as the lamb. Then in the meetings we shall have Christ as many lambs to **offer to God as food for His satisfaction**.

When we offer Christ to God in the morning as our sin offering, we shall be brought into a clear situation with God and we shall experience Christ as a **grain of wheat**. As we live Him, He will become our **life supply**, and He will also produce something within us that is good for eating. This is the way to grow Christ as wheat. **The way to grow Christ is to live Him as your life supply and as the One who produces life within you**. The oil typifies Christ as the anointing Spirit. He is the **olive tree** that produces the oil which typifies the life-giving Spirit. **We grow Him as an olive tree and produce olive oil by always exercising our mingled spirit**, our regenerated spirit mingled with the Holy Spirit, and by using this mingled spirit. If we are willing to **sacrifice and pour out what we have experienced of Christ**, we shall have Him as **wine**. This is the way to produce wine. We should then offer all this to God as food for His satisfaction.

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