

**EXCERPTS FROM THE BOOK OF  
LEVITICUS**

**Group Bible Study 5**

**VERSES TO READ:**

**Leviticus 2:4**

4 And when you present an offering of a meal offering baked in the oven, it shall be of fine flour, unleavened cakes mingled with oil or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

**Psalms 92:10**

10 But You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; I am anointed with fresh oil.

**1 Peter 2:21**

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving you a model so that you may follow in His steps;

**Romans 8:2-3,11,13**

2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

13 For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.

**DISCOVERY PORTION:**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRIST'S  
DIVINELY ENRICHED HUMANITY**

If we read the four Gospels, we will see that the four elements of the meal offering were the components of Christ's life on earth and caused Him to be the real meal offering (suggest each person pick a point below and read the verses associated with it).

1. The humanity of Jesus fulfills all righteousness—Matt.3:13-15.
2. The humanity of Jesus has no resting place—8:20.
3. The humanity of Jesus is lowly in heart—11:29.
4. The humanity of Jesus loves the weak ones—12:19-20.
5. The humanity of Jesus is flexible—17:27.
6. The humanity of Jesus serves others—Mark 10:45.
7. The humanity of Jesus cherishes people—Luke 4:16-22; 7:34; 19:1-10.
8. The humanity of Jesus is orderly, not

- sloppy—Mark 6:39-40; John 6:12.
9. The humanity of Jesus is limited by time—7:6.
10. The humanity of Jesus is unique—v.46.
11. The humanity of Jesus knows when to weep—11:33,35.
12. The humanity of Jesus is humble—13:4-5.

If we eat Christ as the meal offering, we will become what we eat and live by what we eat (John 6:57, 63; 1 Cor. 10:17; Phil. 1:19-21a). By exercising our spirit to touch the Spirit consolidated in the Word, we eat the human life and living of Jesus, we are constituted with Jesus, and the human living of Jesus becomes our human living.

**THE MEAL OFFERING TYPIFIES  
OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A  
DUPLICATION OF CHRIST'S GOD-  
MAN LIVING**

When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He was fine flour, He was oiled with the Holy Spirit, He was always being salted, and He lived in resurrection, having the flavor of frankincense. But with Him there was neither leaven nor honey. Therefore, He could be a meal offering.

The situation with us today should be the same. This means that our Christian life should be a duplication, a xerox copy, of Christ's life. This is clearly revealed in Romans 8.

Romans 8 puts Christ and us together. Here we have Christ's humanity, the Spirit of life, the cross, and resurrection wrapped up together as one. This shows us the kind of living we should have today. We should live the same kind of life Christ lived. He was a man, and we also are human. He was oiled with the Spirit, and we also have been at least somewhat oiled with the Spirit. We have been mingled with the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from among the dead. Christ was salted, crucified, and we also should put our natural being to death. Furthermore, Christ lived in resurrection, and we also may live in resurrection.

Christ became a person in the flesh, and we today are persons in the flesh. As a man in the flesh, Christ was oiled with the Spirit. Today we are being oiled by the indwelling Spirit. The Spirit dwells within us to do the work of oiling us. Since the indwelling Spirit is oiling us, we should set our mind on the spirit, not on the flesh (v. 6). Then by the Spirit we should put to death the practices of the body (v. 13). If we do this, we will live, and this life will be a life in resurrection. As a result, we will be suitable to be a meal offering for God's satisfaction.

The purpose of the meal offering is to satisfy God. The top portion of the meal offering, the portion containing the

frankincense, was burned in fire for God's satisfaction. Christ today is the reality of the meal offering. He alone has the fragrance that ascends to God for His satisfaction. In the entire universe, Christ is the only person who can be offered to God in fire to produce the fragrance that satisfies God and makes Him happy and joyful.

As the members of Christ, we should be His duplication and live the same kind of life He lived. This is a life of humanity oiled with the Holy Spirit. Day by day we need to be oiled with the Holy Spirit. We should also continually receive the salt; that is, we should receive Christ's cross and put our natural deeds to death. Then we will live in resurrection and have the frankincense for God's satisfaction.

### **A LIFE WITH THE HIGHEST HUMANITY**

In order for our Christian life to be a meal offering, it must be a life with the highest humanity. This is the reason Paul charged the Corinthians, saying, "Be a man" (1 Cor. 16:13). According to the context of 1 Corinthians, to be a man means that we should have a high, uplifted humanity.

If we have such a humanity, we will exercise self-control. This is indicated by

Paul's word in 9:26 and 27. "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so I box, not as beating the air; but I buffet my body and lead it as a slave." These verses reveal that Paul had a high humanity and that he had a strong, excellent character. He did not run uncertainly or beat the air but exercised control over himself. He was a real man with a high standard of morality in his human living.

First Corinthians 13:4-7 is a description of love. This description actually shows us a fine humanity. Verse 4 says, "Love suffers long, and is kind; love is not jealous; love does not brag, is not puffed up." In our weak humanity, we have only limited patience, but love suffers long. Also, it is easy for us to be jealous and covetous, but love is not jealous. Furthermore, love does not behave unbecomingly, does not seek its own things, is not provoked, does not take account of evil, and does not rejoice over unrighteousness (vv. 5-6a). On the contrary, love rejoices with the truth, covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things (vv. 6b-7). Here we have a description of a fine humanity and of a high human character. This indicates that 1 Corinthians is a book concerned with the uplifting of humanity.