



# Leviticus

(Lecture 8)



## Leviticus 3:1-17

### *Laws for Peace Offerings*

**3** “If his offering is <sup>i</sup> a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offers an animal from the herd, male or female, <sup>j</sup> he shall offer it <sup>k</sup> without blemish before the LORD. <sup>2</sup> And <sup>l</sup> he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and kill it at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and Aaron’s sons the priests shall throw the blood against the sides of the altar. <sup>3</sup> And from the sacrifice of the peace offering, as a food offering to the LORD, he shall offer <sup>m</sup> the fat covering the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, <sup>4</sup> <sup>n</sup> and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins, and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove with the kidneys. <sup>5</sup> Then Aaron’s sons <sup>o</sup> shall burn it on the altar on top of the burnt offering, which is on the wood on the fire; it is a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> “If his offering for a sacrifice of peace offering to the LORD is an animal from the flock, male or female, he shall offer it <sup>k</sup> without blemish. <sup>7</sup> If he offers a lamb for his offering, then he shall offer it before the LORD, <sup>8</sup> lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it in front of the tent of meeting; and Aaron’s sons shall throw its blood against the sides of the altar. <sup>9</sup> Then from the sacrifice of the peace offering he shall offer as a food offering to the LORD its fat; he shall remove the whole <sup>p</sup> fat tail, cut off close to the backbone, and the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails <sup>10</sup> and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove <sup>q</sup> with the kidneys. <sup>11</sup> And the priest shall burn it on the altar as <sup>r</sup> a food offering to the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> “If his offering is a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD <sup>13</sup> and lay his hand on its head and kill it in front of the tent of meeting, and the sons of Aaron shall throw its blood against the sides of the altar. <sup>14</sup> Then he shall offer from it, as his offering for a food offering to the LORD, the fat covering the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails <sup>15</sup> and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove <sup>q</sup> with the kidneys. <sup>16</sup> And the priest shall burn them on the altar as a <sup>r</sup> food offering with a pleasing aroma. <sup>s</sup> All fat is the LORD’s. <sup>17</sup> It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, in all your dwelling places, that you eat neither <sup>s</sup> fat nor <sup>t</sup> blood.”



## Leviticus 7:11-21

<sup>11</sup> “And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings that one may offer to the LORD.  
<sup>12</sup> If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the thanksgiving sacrifice  
<sup>v</sup> unleavened loaves mixed with oil, unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and loaves of fine  
flour <sup>w</sup> well mixed with oil. <sup>13</sup> <sup>x</sup> With the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving  
he shall bring his offering with loaves of leavened bread. <sup>14</sup> And from it he shall offer one  
loaf from each offering, as a <sup>y</sup> gift to the LORD. <sup>z</sup> It shall belong to the priest who throws the  
blood of the peace offerings. <sup>15</sup> And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings <sup>a</sup> for  
thanksgiving shall be eaten on the day of his offering. He shall not leave any of it until the  
morning. <sup>16</sup> But <sup>b</sup> if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow offering or a freewill offering, it  
shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice, and on the next day what remains of it  
shall be eaten. <sup>17</sup> But what remains of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be  
burned up with fire. <sup>18</sup> If any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering is eaten on  
the third day, he who offers it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be credited to him. It is  
<sup>c</sup> tainted, and he who eats of it shall bear his iniquity.

<sup>19</sup> “Flesh that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned up with  
fire. All who are clean may eat flesh, <sup>20</sup> but the person who eats of the flesh of the sacrifice  
of the LORD’s peace offerings <sup>d</sup> while an uncleanness is on him, that person shall be cut off  
from his people. <sup>21</sup> And if anyone touches an unclean thing, whether <sup>e</sup> human uncleanness  
or an <sup>f</sup> unclean beast or any <sup>g</sup> unclean detestable creature, and then eats some flesh from  
the sacrifice of the LORD’s peace offerings, that person shall be cut off from his people.”



“Descending to the Sheol of Egypt, Joseph has figuratively died, so that Jacob later ironically prophesies when he says, ‘I shall descend [*yarad*] into Sheol to my son in mourning’ [...] for he will indeed descend *into Egypt* to see his son—yes, and he himself will die in Egypt too. Yet God promised Jacob: ‘I will go down [*yasad*] with you to Egypt and I will also surely cause you to ascend [*‘alah*]’” (Gen. 46:4). When God does cause Jacob to ascend out of Egypt, he is brought out embalmed (Genesis 50:1-14) just as Moses will later bring up Joseph’s bones (Exodus 13:19).”

- L. Michael Morales, *Exodus Old and New*, 51.



“[A]s the exodus is on the horizon, sacrifices and peace offerings are suddenly everywhere. Yahweh demands that Pharaoh let Israel go so they can sacrifice to Yahweh (Exodus 3:18; 5:3, 8, 17; 8:8, 25-29) and as soon as they get to Sinai, before the instructions for offering peace offerings are even given, they are offering ascensions and peace offerings (Exodus 20:24). *Shelemim* [peace offering] is never used in Genesis, used only four times in Exodus, but 60 times in Leviticus and 38 times in Numbers.”

- Peter Leithart, “Peace System” (accessed online: [https://theopolisinstitute.com/leithart\\_post/peace-system/](https://theopolisinstitute.com/leithart_post/peace-system/)).