

One Ram Of Sweet Savor Exodus 29 Verses 15-18

Ex 29:15 "Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. **16** And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle it round about upon the altar. **17** And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put them unto his pieces, and unto his head. **18** And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it is a burnt offering unto the LORD: it is a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD."

Remember, God is still giving Moses instructions on how to sanctify Aaron and his sons for the service of the priesthood, which God has laid upon them. We spoke earlier on, **Ex 29:10-14**, about the bullock which was offered as the sin offering first. Now, they are to sacrifice one of the rams as a burnt offering, a sweet savor offering, made by fire.

Aaron, and his sons, putting their hands upon the head of the ram is indicative, that they are acknowledging that they are willing to completely dedicate their lives to the service of the priesthood. A prophetic picture of Jesus giving his all to please God the Father. Today, this is a picture of the born-again child of God, knowing their sins have been forgiven eternally, joining the church and dedicating their lives to discipleship to Christ Jesus, as Jesus said in: **Lu 9:23** "*And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*"

The blood of this sweet savor offering was sprinkled all over the altar, upon which the priest would be making all the sacrifices for the sins of Israel. This was to completely sanctify the altar making it completely holy, just as the body of Jesus was sinless and holy. This brazen altar was an prophetic emblem of the Lord Jesus Christ, the true sacrifice for eternal forgiveness of sins. But the body of Jesus was already sinless, holy, and pure. Yes, but remember; our sins were placed upon Jesus, and we were in need of the sprinkling of the blood of Christ to remove our sins. Thus, the prophetic picture of the shed blood of Christ being sprinkled upon all those who he carried to the cross with himself.

That all of the blood was sprinkled upon the altar indicates to us; that the blood of Jesus has done all the cleansing, and imputed righteousness to sacrificial priesthood, and unto all of God's people, who are today kings and priests to God. As the whole ram was a burnt sacrifice, displays that all of the body of Jesus was sacrificed upon the cross. When his work upon the cross was completed, it was a sweet savor unto God, on behalf of all, of the redeemed people of God. The finished work of Jesus on the cross, gave eternal remission of sins to all of God's people, and it was accomplished solely and completely, by the shed blood, and the atoning sacrifice, of Christ. Wherefore, we see the sanctifying of the altar of sacrifice, as an emblem of Jesus coming to earth in a prepared body, which was sanctified by God to be an altar of sacrifice, on the cross.

The inward parts of this ram had to be washed, to remove all the putrefaction and uncleanness. This speaks to us of the inward parts of God's people having to be made clean, both the sacrificial priesthood and ourselves, before we can offer our sacrifice of praise to God. This is accomplished by the new birth experience and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God, which we see in: **Tit 3:5-7; 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; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*"

After the new birth, we see the washing of the inward parts manifested in our actions in the New Testament in: **2Ti 2:19-21; 19 ¶** "*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.*" Purge means *to cleanse thoroughly*. This scripture tells us: we are to cleanse ourselves from ungodly actions and come to service, in discipleship to Christ, clothed in his righteousness.

The whole ram was offered as a burnt sacrifice. What happens when you burn something? The smoke goes up. This indicates to us that when Christ offered himself on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, his prayers for us went upward to God the Father and were accepted as a sweet savor sacrifice, for the redemption of our sins. Not only his prayers arose, but his whole resurrected body has ascended to the throne of God and there he is interceding for God's people, as seen in: **Heb 7:25** "*Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*" Hallelujah! Amen!