

The Need for a Presentation

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Leviticus 1.

B. The Old Testament has pictures of Christ just as nature has pictures of the glory of God.

II. During the Exodus God gave the Israelites the Law and the Tabernacle.

A. The Law is the picture of what a man is expected to be.

B. God gave the Tabernacle as a picture of man divided into three parts into body, soul and spirit.

III. God gave sacrifices as a picture of the dependence that man needs to exercise upon God to have life.

A. God never makes a demand upon humans that He does not intend to meet Himself.

B. Christ fulfills five basic offerings.

IV. The burnt offering.

A. The most costly thing that the ancient Israelites could bring was an animal from their herd. They were asked to bring this.

B. Man can substitute for one another—Jesus Christ was the only adequate substitution for man.

C. The animal had to be killed—God demonstrates in this the intensity of the sin problem in the life of men.

D. Distinctive features about the burnt offering:

1. It notes that man was made to rule.

2. The meat of the burnt offering was totally consumed.

a. Man is not the master of his destiny.

b. Man is meant to be dependent upon God and to belong to Him.

c. We are all searching for someone to love us.

3. The flame was not to go out. A person's recognition that he belongs to God is one of the most basic truths of life that shall never go out.

Application questions:

1. In what ways do Christians fail to show dependence upon God today?

2. What are expressions of dependence that Christians demonstrate similar to the giving of a costly animal for sacrifice?

3. What steps can you take to increase your dependence upon God in each area of your life?
