

- Jesus, on the cross, has fully satisfied the Father's wrath that we, his people, justly deserve.
- The Father is delighted with us because Jesus has given his whole obedient life for us!
- We must deliberately offer Jesus to God with thanksgiving (i.e. Trust Jesus).
- We must offer God/Jesus our lives (i.e. Obey Jesus).

#### Two Errors to Avoid:

1. We are earning God's favor with right worship.  
**We can only give to God because he has supplied the gift!**
2. God's gift means we get to keep on sinning.  
**God does not subsidize wickedness.** (Repentance & Faith)

#### Psalm 50:16–17, 22–23

<sup>16</sup> *But to the wicked God says:* “What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips? <sup>17</sup> For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. . . . <sup>22</sup> “Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver! <sup>23</sup> The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!”

### Key Conclusion

*God is pleased with Jesus!*

Deliberately offer Jesus to the Father with thankful hearts. This should dominate our regular times of worship and be complimented by deliberately offering our lives to God.

### Wisdom & Freedom

- Formal and Informal Worship
- What is the Goal of Our Weekly Gatherings for Worship?
- The Proper Use of Ritual
- Deliberate Obedience

## In the Wilderness: The Book of Numbers

[#33 in Series] (Numbers 26–36) *A Heart Turned Towards the Inheritance: Part 3, We Have Peace with God On His Terms* – Numbers 28-29

### Sermon Outline – February 7, 2016

#### Children's Sermon: How Do We Approach God?

#### Everyone Wants God's Blessing

#### Genesis 4:3–5

<sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

#### Key Idea

Everyone wants God to be pleased with him but we do not want to let God define the terms of His good pleasure.

Notes:

#### *How Was Israel to Understand These Regulations?*

#### The Power/Limits of Ritual Instructions

- Careful Obedience
- Instruction for the Heart

#### What do these regulations have to do with Israel's inheritance?

- **Annually:** 113 bulls, 32 rams, 1,086 lambs, More than a ton of flour, about 1000 bottles of oil & wine.
- **A Feast Offered to God for His Pleasure** (The Best Part)  
**28** The Lord spoke to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Command the Israelites and say to them: Be sure to present to Me at its appointed time My offering and My food as My fire offering, a pleasing aroma to Me. <sup>3</sup> And say to them: This is the fire offering you are to present to the Lord:
  - **A Meal** for God: Flour, Oil, Wine
  - A Regular **Burnt Offering**

#### The Focus is On the Offerings for All Israel

<sup>39</sup>“You must offer these to the Lord at your appointed times in addition to your vow and freewill offerings, whether burnt, grain, drink, or fellowship offerings.” <sup>40</sup>

So Moses told the Israelites everything the Lord had commanded him.

### How Was Israel to Understand These Daily Offerings?

“Each day present two unblemished year-old male lambs as a regular burnt offering. <sup>4</sup> Offer one lamb in the morning and the other lamb at twilight, <sup>5</sup> along with *two quarts* of *fine flour* for a **grain offering** mixed with a *quart* of *olive oil* from *crushed olives*. <sup>6</sup> It is a regular **burnt offering** established at Mount Sinai for **a pleasing aroma, a fire offering to the Lord**. <sup>7</sup> The **drink offering** is to be *a quart* with each lamb. Pour out the offering of *beer/strong drink* to the Lord in the sanctuary area. <sup>8</sup> Offer the second lamb at twilight, along with the same kind of grain offering and drink offering as in the morning. It is **a fire offering, a pleasing aroma** to the Lord.

### In Addition to the Regular Burnt Offering

(Cf. 28:10, 15b, 23, 31; 29:6, 11, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 38)

#### Key Observation

God is pleased with his people Israel on a daily basis because the morning and evening regular burnt offerings.

#### Key Connection

Jesus is the true sinless (unblemished) offering, giving himself to God for us day & night.

### Sabbath Offerings (Doubled at the End of each Week)

<sup>9</sup> “On the Sabbath day present **two unblemished year-old male lambs**, *four quarts* of *fine flour* mixed with oil as a grain offering, *and its drink offering*.

### Monthly Offerings (New Moon)

<sup>11</sup> “At the beginning of each of your months present **a burnt offering to the Lord: two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs a year old**—all unblemished—<sup>12</sup> with *six quarts* of *fine flour* mixed with oil as a grain offering *for each bull*, *four quarts* of *fine flour* mixed with oil as a grain offering *for the ram*,<sup>13</sup> and *two quarts* of *fine flour* mixed with oil as a grain offering *for each lamb*. **It is a burnt offering, a pleasing aroma, a fire offering to the Lord**.<sup>14</sup> Their **drink offerings** are to be *two quarts*

of *wine with each bull*, *one and a third quarts with the ram*, and *one quart with each male lamb*. This is the monthly burnt offering for all the months of the year.<sup>15</sup> And **one male goat is to be offered as a sin offering** to the Lord, in addition to the regular burnt offering with its drink offering.

#### Key Observation

Israel drew near to God so they could offer him a feast that God himself had provided for them to give. They were to offer this with wholehearted, thanksgiving.

### Psalm 50:13–15

<sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?  
<sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,<sup>15</sup> and call upon me in the day of trouble; ***I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.***”

**God's "Food" Included:** a life offered for Israel, Israel's life offered to and poured out for God, and the work of the Holy Spirit. **God is also pleased** with a death freely offered for Israel.

### What are We to Learn from These Regulations?

#### Righteousness (Wisdom & Freedom)

### Hebrews 10:5–10

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, (Ps. 40:6–8) “*Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’*”<sup>8</sup> When he said above, “*You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings*” (these are offered according to the law),<sup>9</sup> then he added, “*Behold, I have come to do your will.*” He does away with the first in order to establish the second.<sup>10</sup> And ***by that will*** we have been sanctified ***through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ*** once for all.