

Leviticus 2

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In chapter two we come to the Oblation (or grain offering) which presents the man Christ Jesus. As the burnt offering typifies Christ in death, the grain offering typifies him in life. We see atonement in the burnt offering, but there is no sin-bearing. In oblation, there was not even a question of a blood-shedding. We simply find the beautifulness of Christ as a man that is after the Heart of God.

To us the sinners saved by grace, we are all born of the Holy Spirit. God has made us partakers of his divine nature by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Truly understanding the meaning of the grain offering makes people of God see the way of Christian pursuit.

A few things to notice about grain offering

1. v1-10, cooked grain offering
2. v14-16, First-fruit grain offering
Our Lord Jesus is the first fruit (1Cor15:20). Among churches, God is looking for the first fruit also (Rev.14:5).
3. Priests were allowed to take some portion of the grain offering as a support for their need, as a thing the most holy,
4. Burnt-offering is offering of animal, which people of Israel brought with them when they were in the dessert. However, they were unable to grow grain in the desert, since they had to move, and it was impossible to grow grain in dessert. Materials of grain offering were things very rare and precious and hard to get before they cross the River Jordan.

Ingredient of Oblation (or grain offering)

Fine flour: This forms the basis for the oblation.

- Every single grain was broken, ground into even fine powder, nothing rough to touch.
- It typifies the meekness, the humanity of our Lord Jesus.

Oil: Oil types the Holy Spirit throughout the whole Bible. In the oblation, oil is applied in two ways: the fine flour was mingled with oil; and oils poured upon it (or anointed).

- Mingled: Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit. We are born of Spirit. God let His own life (the eternal life) dwell in us.
- Anointed: Christ was anointed for service, previous to His entrance upon His public ministry. To us, nothing is of value unless it is worked out by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Frankincense: This typifies the emitting fragrance that ascends to and pleasing God.

- Frankincense is made of resin that bleeds out of trees of the genus *Boswellia* by tapping the skin. This kind of trees has capability to grow in an environment so unforgiving, that the trees sometimes seem to grow directly out of the Rock.
- To mix it with oil and flour, frankincense has to be broken and ground into fine powder like fine flour.

The three ingredients above all need to go through the process of broken and grinding. It typifies the suffering of our Lord. It also typifies the saint's subjective experience of being crucified with the Lord.

Salt: Salt of the covenant

The food seasoned with salt can be preserved and not corrupt for a long time, even though the temperature or humidity of the environment may vary greatly. This types the enduring character of our Lord Jesus. Today this precious character is in every believer's life.

Ingredients not allowed:

-- Leaven: the dough leavened with yeast will puff up, full of pores and space. This condition of puff-up parables pride and arrogance which are the true natures of Satan, the enemy of God. Lord Jesus uses the leaven as a parable for the outward piety only, but lacking inward spiritual reality (Mat 16:6, the leaven of the Pharisees). It is exactly opposite to humility, solidity, genuity, which are our Lord's characters.

-- Honey: Man by his nature favors honey very much. Its sweetness pleases our senses. However here God rejects what pleases man. Lord Jesus acts and talks totally for pleasing God, not pleasing man.

Ways to prepare the cooked grain offering,

Baked in oven, pan, and frying pan. Brother Mckintach uses the 3 kinds of suffering of Christ to represent these ways of cooking.