

**Consecrating Ourselves to the Lord and to His Economy
According to the Revelation in the Book of Leviticus
Message 1**

Wednesday

Lev. 1:2 – Footnote 2¹

The tabernacle is basically God coming and becoming flesh. He became incarnated so that we can dwell in Him. The first chapters of the book of Leviticus speak about five basic offerings: the burnt offering, the meal offering, the sin offering, the trespass offering, and the peace offering. So what is the subject of Leviticus chapters 1 to 7? If you follow the line of some, you would say consecration. Normally we think that the offerings are just sacrifices. But the word in Hebrew is *qorban*—a very specific word. Leviticus 1, verse 2 says, “*When any one of you presents an offering to Jehovah, you shall present your offering from the cattle, of the herd or of the flock.*” This word *offering* there means *a gift*, something that you bring as a gift. The footnote concerning the word *offering* says, “Strictly, the offerings are not sacrifices but presents given to God by the appreciators of Christ. Sacrifices are for redemption, for propitiation, whereas presents are gifts for intimate fellowship between us and God.” So the one who comes forward and presents his offerings is full of things toward God.

The technical language is *to present offerings*. Let me translate it to you. A priest realizes that God has given Himself to him; he is also full of feelings and comes toward God and gives himself to Him. So the offerings are a story of consecration. The first offering, the burnt offering is the leading offering. What is the burnt offering? Literally it means something that ascends up to God for His delight and satisfaction. This represents Christ who is the only One who lived a life of total consecration and absolute consecration for God’s satisfaction and enjoyment. When we lay our hands on Him, we identify with Him and we live a life of consecration. When we take Christ as our burnt offering we realize that our hands are full of His living and humanity. Then we live a life of full fellowship with God; we are at peace and live a life of peace with God. When we make mistakes or sin, we have the trespass offering. And then when we fail because we are sin, we have the sin offering that restores our fellowship with God. Therefore the literal word for consecration is *to have your hands full*. In plain words, a consecrated priest is one who has his hands full of Christ. Ask yourselves, how are your hands? What is in your hands? Are your hands empty or full of Christ? Oh, may the Lord train us! In order for us to worship in Him and participate in Him! May the Lord gain this type of priesthood with the hands full and with full appreciation for Christ. In this way, we will live a holy, clean and rejoicing life.