

The Levitical Offerings

Hebrews 10.14: For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Name	Elements	Purpose	God's Portion	Priest's Portion	Offerer's Portion
Burnt Offering <i>Leviticus 1; 6.8-13; 8.18-21; 16.24</i>	Bull, ram or bird (dove or young pigeon for the poor); wholly consumed; no defect	Voluntary act of worship; <i>atonement with a view to acceptance</i> ; expression of devotion, commitment and complete surrender to God	Entire animal	Skin	Nothing
Grain (Meal) Offering <i>Leviticus 2; 6.14-23</i>	Fine flour (uncooked), olive oil, frankincense, unleavened cakes (cooked) in the oven, pan or frying-pan, salt; no yeast or honey; accompanied burnt offering and peace offering (along with drink offering)	Voluntary act of worship; recognition of God's goodness and provisions; devotion to God	1. Priest's own offering: Entire portion to God 2. Others: Memorial portion (a handful)	1. Priest's own offering: none (all the remainder to be burnt) 2. Others: all the remainder (had to be eaten within court of tabernacle)	Nothing
Peace Offering <i>Leviticus 3; 7.11-34</i>	Any animal without defect from herd or flock; variety of breads	Voluntary act of worship; thanksgiving and fellowship (it included a communal meal); included vow offerings, thanksgiving offerings and freewill offerings	Fatty portions (fat covering inner parts; fat tail, kidneys, lobe of the liver)	Breast given to High Priest (wave offering), right foreleg given to officiating priest (heave offering)	1. Thanksgiving offering: all the remainder (to be eaten the same day); no left over allowed 2. Vow or freewill offering: remainder (to be eaten the same day and the next day); any left over to be burnt on the 3rd day
Sin Offering <i>Leviticus 4; 5.1-13; 6.24-30; 8.14-17; 16.3-22</i>	1. Young bull: for High Priest and whole congregation. The blood was to be sprinkled in front of the veil, on the horns of golden altar and poured at bottom of altar of burnt offering 2. Male goat: for leader. The blood was to be put on the horns of the altar of burnt offering 3. Female goat or lamb: for common person. The blood was to be put on the horns of the altar of burnt offering 4. Dove or pigeon: for the poor. The blood was to be put on the horns of the altar of burnt offering 5. 1/10 ephah of fine flour: for the very poor	Mandatory <i>atonement with a view to forgiveness</i> for specific unintentional sin; confession of sin; forgiveness of sin; cleansing from defilement	Fatty portions (fat covering inner parts; fat tail, kidneys, lobe of the liver)	1. Atonement for High Priest and congregation: none (all the remainder was to be burnt outside the camp where the ashes were thrown) 2. Atonement for others: all the remainder (had to be eaten within court of tabernacle)	Nothing
Trespass Offering <i>Leviticus 5.14-19; 6.1-7; 7.1-6</i>	Ram without blemish	Mandatory atonement for unintentional sin requiring restitution; cleansing from defilement; make amends; pay 20% fine	Fatty portions (fat covering inner parts; fat tail, kidneys, lobe of the liver)	All the remainder (had to be eaten within court of tabernacle)	Nothing

Leviticus 1.1-6.7: The **institution** of the offerings for 'the children of Israel' (1.2).
Leviticus 6.8-7.38: The **implementation** (laws) of the offerings for Aaron and his sons (6.9).

Burnt offering = fire (1.9). **Meal offering** = fine flour (2.1). **Peace offering** = fat or fellowship (3.3). **Sin offering** = forgiveness (4.20). **Trespass offering** = fifth part (5.16).

First three offerings are **sweet savour** (of satisfaction) as they typify Christ in His perfections, offering Himself without spot to God (Eph. 5.2). Last two offerings are **non-sweet savour** as they concern sin and speak of the One who 'gave Himself for our sins' and was 'made sin for us'.

Note the groups of **five** [man in his weakness dependent upon God in grace]. Five offerings. Five animals used in sacrifice. Five ways the meal was presented. Five pieces of fat for the peace offerings. Five sin offerings. Fifth part.

Note the inverted parallelism: Burnt (perfect devotion of Christ) vs. Trespass (failed devotion of mankind).
Meal (perfect character of Christ) vs. Sin (failed character of mankind).

