

The continual
burnt offering &
God's promise.

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Exodus 29:38-44

³⁸ “Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old day by day regularly. ³⁹ One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight. ⁴⁰ And with the first lamb a tenth measure of fine flour mingled with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and a fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering. ⁴¹ The other lamb you shall offer at twilight, and shall offer with it a grain offering and its drink offering, as in the morning, for a pleasing aroma, a food offering to the LORD. ⁴² It shall be a **regular burnt offering** throughout your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there. ⁴³ There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. ⁴⁴ I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests.



Key
Questions...

What was the burnt offering?

Where was it offered?

When was it offered?

What is God's promise?

What does it all mean for us?

Leviticus 1

The LORD called Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying, ² “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When any one of you brings **an offering to the LORD**, you shall bring your offering of livestock from the herd or from the flock.

³ “If his offering is a **burnt offering** from the herd, he shall offer a **male without blemish**. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD. ⁴ He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. ⁵ Then he shall kill the bull before the LORD, and Aaron's sons the priests shall bring the blood and throw the blood against the sides of the altar that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting. ⁶ Then he shall flay the burnt offering and cut it into pieces, ⁷ and the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire. ⁸ And Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat, on the wood that is on the fire on the altar; ⁹ but its entrails and its legs he shall wash with water. **And the priest shall burn all of it on the altar, as a burnt offering, a food offering^[a] with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.**

¹⁰ “If his gift for a burnt offering is from the flock, from the sheep or goats, he shall bring a male without blemish, ¹¹ and he shall kill it on the north side of the altar before the LORD, and Aaron's sons the priests shall throw its blood against the sides of the altar. ¹² And he shall cut it into pieces, with its head and its fat, and the priest shall arrange them on the wood that is on the fire on the altar, ¹³ but the entrails and the legs he shall wash with water. And the priest shall offer all of it and burn it on the altar; it is a burnt offering, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

¹⁴ “If his offering to the LORD is a burnt offering of birds, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves or pigeons. ¹⁵ And the priest shall bring it to the altar and wring off its head and burn it on the altar. Its blood shall be drained out on the side of the altar. ¹⁶ He shall remove its crop with its contents^[b] and cast it beside the altar on the east side, in the place for ashes. ¹⁷ He shall tear it open by its wings, but shall not sever it completely. And the priest shall burn it on the altar, on the wood that is on the fire. It is a burnt offering, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

What was the burnt offering?

- Burnt means 'to ascend'
- The animal was wholly burnt for a sweet savour to God.
- Highest sacrifice of all/an offering for God
- *Voluntary* offering
- Christ is the burnt offering; His sacrifice brought delight to the heart of God.

"for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."

John 8:29

What was the burnt offering?

- Lamb = blood sacrifice
- Fine flour mixed with oil = the perfection of His lowly humanity and the permeating presence of the Holy Spirit.
- The drink offering = the joy of the offeror in contemplating the perfections of the Lord Jesus and His sacrifice.

- Different animals represent different appreciation of Christ.
- No wild animals offered.



So what
does
this
mean
for us?

The offeror is accepted!

"He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him."

Leviticus 1:4

- We are brought into Christ's position, God has accepted us.

"with which he has blessed us in the Beloved"

Eph.1:6

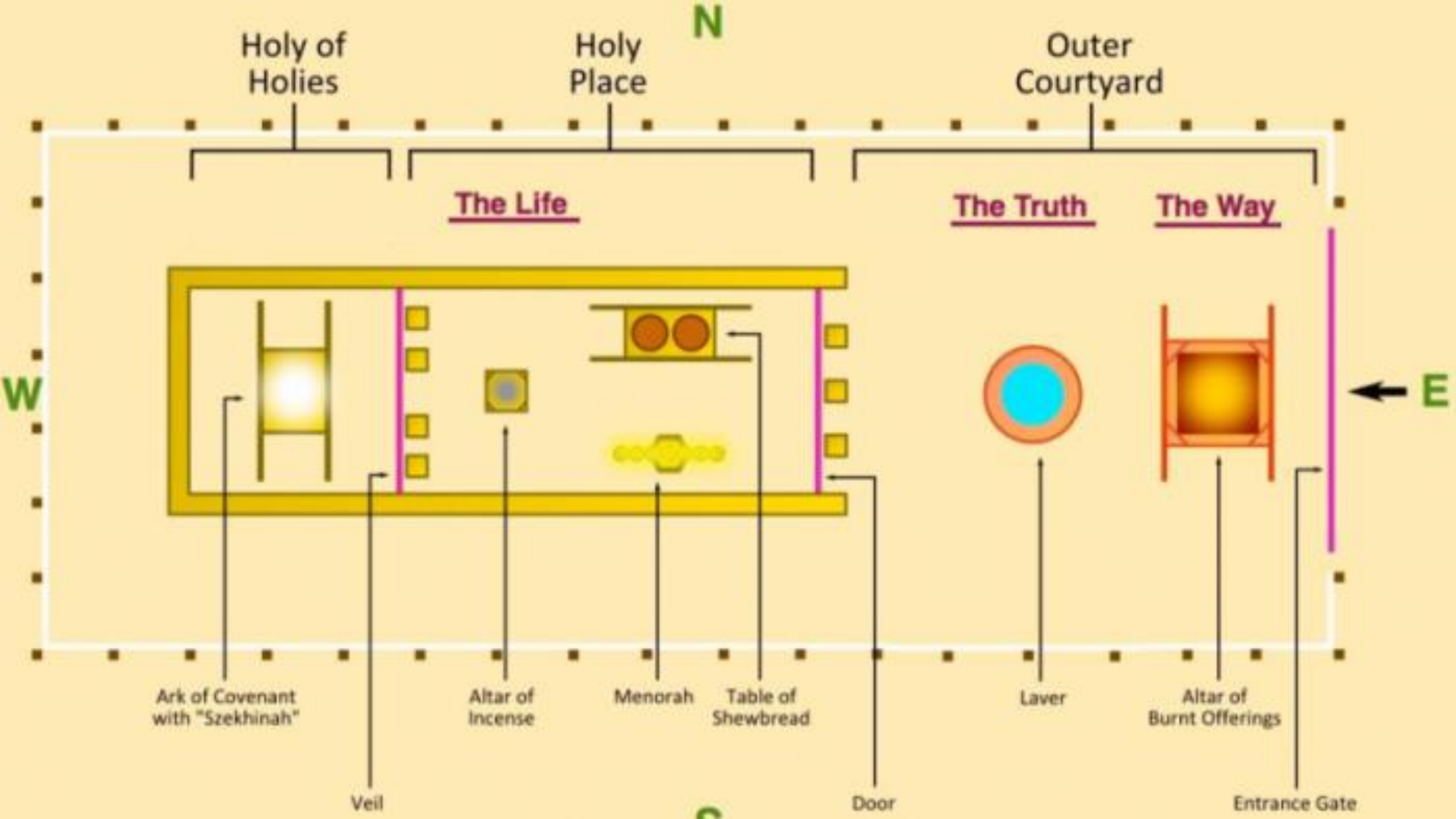
- Not just with Christ, but in Christ!

Where was it offered?

"at the entrance of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there."

[v42]



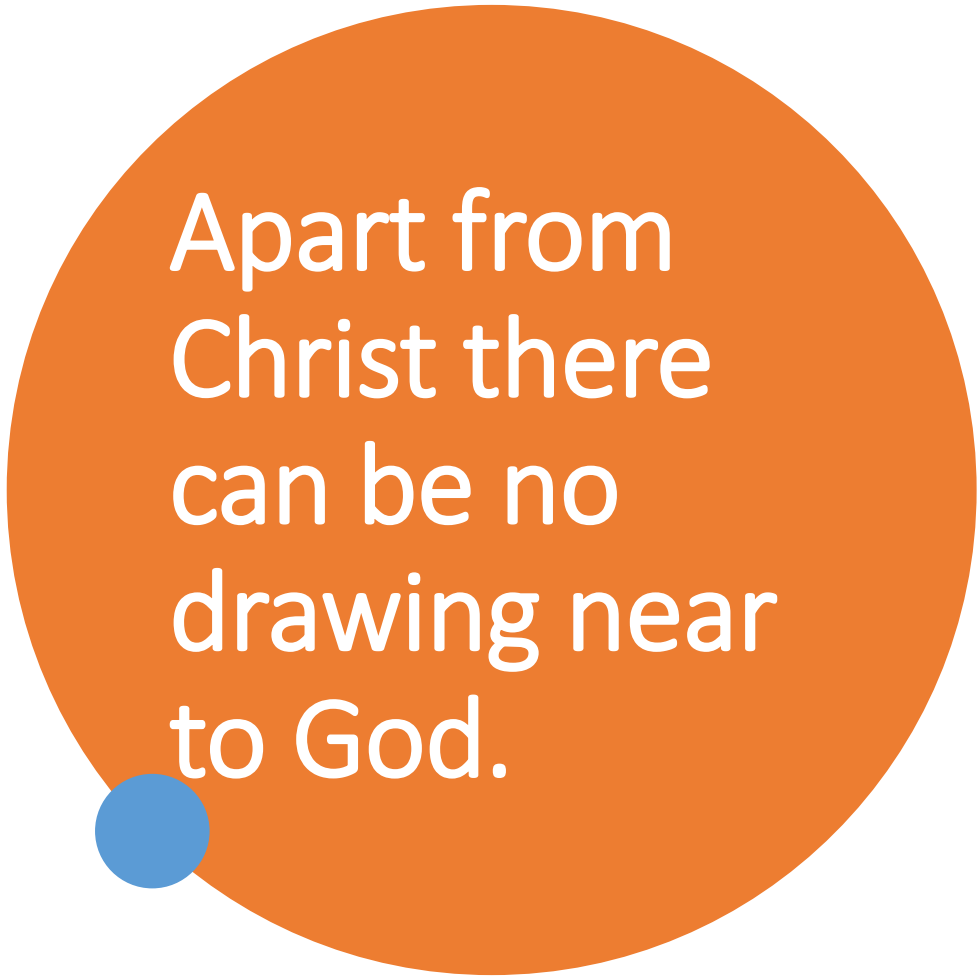


Where was it offered?


- Located at the entrance gate; on the brazen altar.
- Before the door of the tabernacle
- The meeting-place between God and His people.
- On the ground of sacrifice.
- If God's presence was to be enjoyed, then the continual burnt offering must be offered.



So what
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this
mean
for us?



Apart from
Christ there
can be no
drawing near
to God.

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- Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” **John 14:6**
 - Christ forms the only meeting-place between God and the sinner
 - The only relationship we can have with God **without** the cross is one that exists between a guilty sinner and a Holy judge!!

When was it offered?

“Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old day by day regularly. One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight.

[v38-39]

When was it offered?

- Continual?
- morning by morning, and evening by evening, throughout the generations of the children of Israel.
- It was a perpetual (never ending) daily sacrifice.
- Thus, the priests and the people were to begin and end their day with a reminder that they only stood in acceptance before God on the ground of sacrifice.



So what
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this
mean
for us?

The believer
is always
accepted in
the beloved!

- The continual burnt-offering ascending to God on behalf of Israel is a picture of Christ, in all His acceptability, continually before God's eyes on behalf of us!
- Can we allow a morning or an evening to pass without some fresh, admiring thoughts of the Lord Jesus and His sacrifice?

The promise of God.

Exodus 29:45-46

"I will **dwell among** the people of Israel and **will be their God**. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God."

I will dwell among them...

- Why did God want to bring them out of Egypt?
- What has been the purpose of all of God's redeeming activities?

**"rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man."**

Proverbs 8:31

I will dwell among them...

- Innocence= visitation

"And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden."

Genesis 3:8

- After Egypt (redemption), the tabernacle and then the temple was God's abode.



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for us?

I will dwell
among
them...

- Now He dwells in the church.

"In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

Ephesians 2:22

"As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

1Peter 2:4-5

- But in the eternal state God will accomplish His will in the fullest sense!

What a future!

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, **“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.”** ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Revelation 21 1-4