

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2009**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD**

Message Fourteen

**Christ as the Mystery of God
in the Fulfillment of the Types and Figures of the Old Testament
(5)**

Scripture Reading: Lev. 1:3-4; 2:4; 3:1; 4:3; Heb. 10:4-10; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17

VIII. In the Old Testament Christ is typified by all the offerings; the New Testament reveals that in His person Christ is the fulfillment and reality of these types:

- A. According to our experience, Christ is firstly our sin offering; the sin offering is a type of Christ as the One who died on the cross to deal with the sinful nature of our fallen being—Lev. 4:3:
 - 1. Because we are sinful, even sin itself, we need Christ to be our sin offering.
 - 2. “Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him”—2 Cor. 5:21.
 - 3. The way to have good health is to have a good breakfast; the way to be healthy spiritually is to begin the day by offering Christ as our sin offering.
- B. Christ is also typified by the trespass offering—Lev. 5:6:
 - 1. On the cross Christ bore up all our trespasses before God; “who Himself bore up our sins in His body on the tree”—1 Pet. 2:24a.
 - 2. “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures”—1 Cor. 15:3b.
 - 3. As the sin offering, Christ was made sin for us, but as the trespass offering, He bore our sins—John 1:29; 1 John 1:9; Heb. 10:12.
 - 4. Every day we have to offer Christ as our sin offering and as our trespass offering; this will usher us into the enjoyment of the burnt offering and the meal offering, and this will consummate in the peace offering.
- C. The burnt offering, which was wholly for God’s satisfaction, typifies Christ as God’s pleasure and satisfaction—Lev. 1:3:
 - 1. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He made God happy and satisfied Him because He always did God’s will (John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38) and sought His glory—7:16-18; cf. 5:19; 6:57a; 12:49-50.
 - 2. According to Leviticus 1, the burnt offering was burned to ashes as God’s food to satisfy Him—v. 3 and footnote 1.
 - 3. As the fulfillment of the type of the burnt offering, Christ is God’s food; Christ has been “burned” to feed God and satisfy Him—Num. 28:2-3; Heb. 10:4-10.
 - 4. To experience Christ as our burnt offering daily, we must lay our hands on His head—Lev. 1:4:

- a. The laying on of hands signifies not substitution but identification, union—Acts 13:3 and footnote 2.
 - b. By laying our hands on Christ as our burnt offering, we are joined to Him, and He and we become one.
 - c. In such a union all our weaknesses, defects, and faults are taken on by Him, and all His virtues become ours.
 - d. This requires us to exercise our spirit through the proper prayer so that we may become one with Him in an experiential way—cf. 1 Cor. 6:17 and footnotes.
 - e. When we lay our hands on Christ through prayer, the life-giving Spirit, who is the very Christ on whom we lay our hands (15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:6, 17), will immediately move and work within us to live in us a life that He lived on earth, a life of the burnt offering.
- D. The meal offering typifies Christ in His humanity as food for God and especially for those who have fellowship with God and serve Him; in His humanity Christ is our food and constant satisfaction—Lev. 2:4:
- 1. The meal offering was made of fine flour mingled with oil—v. 4:
 - a. The fine flour, with its evenness and fineness, typifies Christ's perfect humanity with its balance, evenness, and fineness.
 - b. The frankincense added to the meal offering signifies the fragrance of resurrection life—v. 15.
 - 2. Christ is typified by the meal offering, the mingling of humanity and divinity with the fragrant manifestation of resurrection life, to be our daily nourishment and supply:
 - a. Jesus was obedient, serving, had no appearance of evil, and had the finest personality—Luke 2:51; Mark 10:45; John 4:6; Matt. 19:14.
 - b. By eating Jesus, we can partake of His humanity; “he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me”—John 6:57b.
- E. The peace offering typifies Christ as the Peacemaker—Lev. 3:1; Eph. 2:15:
- 1. Christ has made peace through the blood of His cross—Col. 1:20.
 - 2. As the fulfillment of the type of the peace offering, Christ is our peace with God and with one another—Eph. 2:14.
 - 3. Every meeting should be a peace offering—Lev. 3:1 and footnote 1.
- F. The wave offering typifies Christ as the resurrected One—7:30:
- 1. A portion of the peace offering was waved as a wave offering before Jehovah—v. 30.
 - 2. The wave offering is a type of Christ as the resurrected, living One—John 11:25; Rev. 1:18.
- G. The heave offering typifies Christ in ascension and exaltation—Lev. 7:32; Eph. 1:20-23; Acts 2:36; Phil. 2:9-11.
- H. The drink offering typifies Christ as the One who was poured out as real wine before God for His satisfaction; furthermore, the drink offering typifies not only Christ Himself but also the Christ who saturates us with Himself as the heavenly wine until He and we become one to be poured out for God's enjoyment and satisfaction—Lev. 23:13; Phil. 2:17; 4:23; 2 Tim. 4:22; 1 Cor. 6:17.