

BUILDING THE NEW JERUSALEM BY EXPERIENCING THE SPIRITUAL OFFERINGS

- I. Introduction: The great high priest and the holy priesthood**
- II. The feasts of the Lord – the unsearchable riches of Christ that God has given us – for our daily experience and to celebrate them together in the city of God** (Lev. 23; Is. 33:20; 35:8-10; Ps. 120-134 <The Songs of Ascents>; 1 Cor. 5:7-8)
- III. Gaining burnt offerings for the building of the New Jerusalem**
 - A. The throne of God is in the center of the city – learn to listen to the King – to be fully saved from our rebellious nature and our own mind (Rev. 22:3; Lev. 1:8; Matt. 26:39; Hebr. 3:15; Eph. 5:21; Ezek. 43:11; Prov. 17:10)
 - B. The city is the wife of the Lamb, who is willingly submissive to her husband out of love (Rev. 21:9; Eph. 5:23; Lev. 1:2; Ps. 110:3; Ex. 21:5-6)
 - C. The name of the Father and the name of the city shall be on their foreheads – they are only occupied with the will of the Father and the completion of the city (Rev. 3:12; 22:4; Lev. 1:9b; Ps. 137:5; Luke 2:49; John 8:29; Acts 20:18-21; Col. 4:12; 1 Tim. 5:5)
 - D. Jasper is the material of the wall: able to carry heavy loads, transformed building material – becoming people who can be counted on, reliable – especially when serving in Zion (Rev. 21:14, 18-20; Lev. 1:4; Matt. 5:37; 24:45-46; Luke 19:17; Acts 6:3-6; 1 Cor. 4:2; Col. 4:17; Phil. 4:13)
- IV. The Meal Offering**
 - A. Oil mixed with the finest flour – The Lord's humanity is fully saturated with the Spirit (Lev. 2:4, 6; 2 Cor. 12:9; Luke 4:18; 11:13; Heb. 1:9)
 - B. The flow of the Spirit forms us into people, who live fully for the New Jerusalem (Rev. 22:1-2; Ezek. 47:1-5, 12)
- V. The Peace Offering**

- A. Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men (Rev. 21:3; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; 1 Cor. 10:14-21)
- B. The city is fully supplied by the river of life flowing from the throne and by the tree of life (Rev. 22:1-3; Ps. 87:7)
- C. Jesus as the peace offering offers us a full supply (Offering of Fellowship) (Heb. 13:14-15)
 - 1. The fat and the kidneys as an offering made by fire for the Lord (Lev. 3)
 - 2. The portion of the peace offering for the priests: the breast as a wave offering and the right thigh as a heave offering (Lev. 7:11-36; 10:14-15)
- D. Strengthened, to abide in Christ and to pursue holiness continuously (Heb. 12:9-14; Is. 35:8; Phil. 1:19; James 3:15-18; John 16:33)

VI. The Trespass Offering and Sin Offering (Prov. 28:13; Is. 1; 59:1-3; Is. 38:30-31; Ps. 38; 51; Matt. 26:41; Rom. 6-8; James 5; Rev. 21:27)

- A. Trespass Offering
 - 1. The blood of Christ, that cleanses us of our transgressions.
 - 2. The city of God: Nothing unclean may enter it.
- B. Sin Offering
 - 1. Overcoming sin by the Lord Jesus – genuine repentance.
 - 2. The city of God – fighting together against Satan and his weapons: sin and death.

VII. How to bring the offerings

- A. For the glory and honor of the Lord (Ps. 29:2; Ps. 96:7-9; Rev. 21:24, 26)
- B. To bring God His most holy food (Lev. 2:3; 21:6)
- C. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness (Ps. 4:5; Ps. 51:19)
- D. Worship the Father out of love and out of a pure heart
 - 1. Because HE first loved us (1 John 4:19; Mal. 1 from verse 2 on)
 - 2. Because we experience salvation and transformation (Ps. 51:17)

- E. Warning about impure offerings
(Mal. 1-2; 1 Sam. 15:22; Is. 1:11-13)
- F. Do not defile the Lord's table (Mal. 1:7, 12)
- G. Serving in a priestly manner – in reverence and godly fear
(Hebr. 12:28-29)

VIII. The Feast of the Lord's Table and Concluding Word