

# Mount Zion A.M.E. Church Sunday Worship Experience

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*"Rethinking Church In A Changing World"*  
*(1 Corinthians 9:22b)*

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## *Welcome!!!*

*We are excited that you have chosen to visit our evolving website. Mount Zion A.M.E. Church is a growing and thriving ministry, dedicated to building a vibrant Christian community based on biblical*



# *Apostle's Creed* ✝

**I believe in God The Father Almighty,  
Maker of Heaven and Earth,  
And in Jesus Christ His Only Son Our LORD  
Who was conceived by The Holy Spirit,  
Born of The Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead and buried,  
On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day He arose from the dead,  
He ascended into Heaven...**

# Apostle's Creed ✝

... And sits on the right hand  
of GOD The Father Almighty  
From thence He shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead,  
I believe in The Holy Spirit,  
The Church Universal,  
The Communion of Saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And life everlasting - **AMEN**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL Section Review

## COSTLY SACRIFICES

### Tabernacle, Sacrifices, and Atonement

- **3/2: Exodus 19:1-14:** A Kingdom of Priests, A Holy Nation
- **3/9: Exodus 25:1-9;26:1,31-37:** A Space for God

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL Section Review

## COSTLY SACRIFICES

### Tabernacle, Sacrifices, and Atonement

- **3/16: Exodus 29:1-9; 35-37:** The Ordination of Priests

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# COSTLY SACRIFICES

Tabernacle, Sacrifices, and  
Atonement

Offering a Sweet Aroma  
to God

Leviticus 1:3 - 17

# Background

- **an·thro·po·mor·phism** – the attribution of human characteristics or behavior to a god, animal or object
- In the Bible, we know that God is spirit (**John 4:24**), meaning He does not have a body like ours



# Background

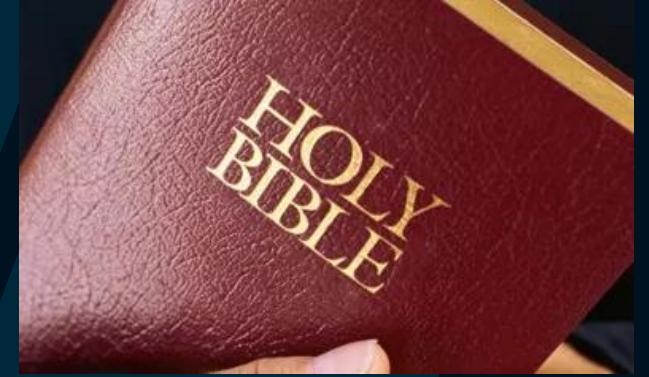
- Yet we ascribe human characteristics to him – e.g. God ‘sees’, God ‘hears’, God ‘smells’, but he does not have eyes, ears, nor a nose like ours, but using such language makes Him relatable.

# Background

- In today's lesson, the sacrifices offered are said to be a 'sweet aroma' that is pleasing to Him.
- There are 16 instances in **Leviticus** that use this language to describe the sacrifice

# Background

- The importance of the aroma is not the 'smell' of what is being offered, but what it represents – the substitution or atonement (**propitiation**) for sin and restoration of fellowship with God



## Lesson Text

### LEVITICUS 1:3 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> 'If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it **of his own free** will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the Lord.

# Lesson Text

## LEVITICUS 1:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.





## Lesson Text

### LEVITICUS 1:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> He shall kill the bull before the Lord; and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of meeting.



# Lesson Text

## LEVITICUS 1:6 – 7 (NKJV)

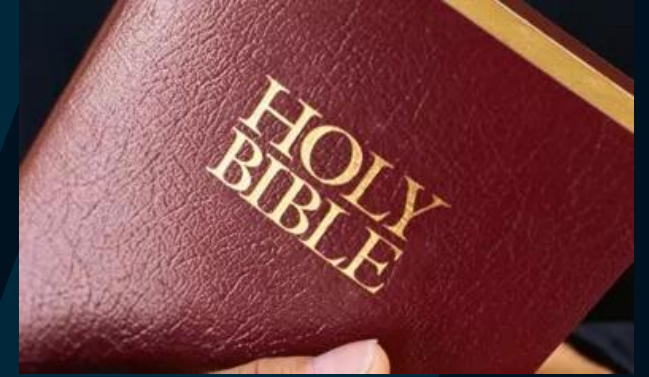
<sup>6</sup> And he shall skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces.

<sup>7</sup> The sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar, and lay the wood in order on the fire.

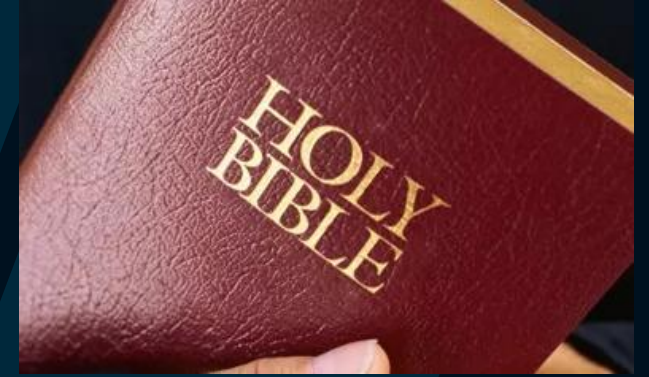
# Lesson Text

## LEVITICUS 1:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> Then the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar;







## Lesson Text

### LEVITICUS 1:9 (NKJV)

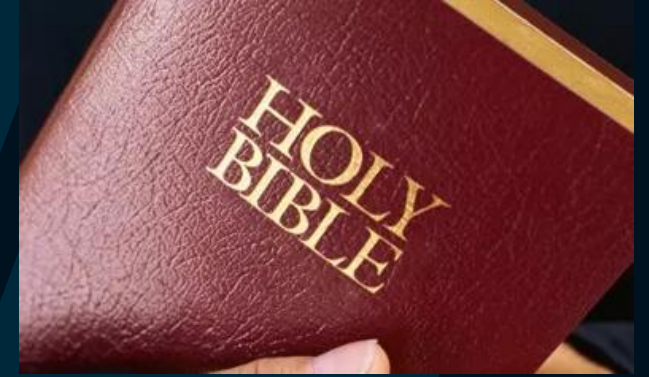
<sup>9</sup> but he shall wash its entrails and its legs with water. And the priest shall burn all on the altar as a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a sweet<sup>[a]</sup> aroma to the Lord.

# Lesson Text

## LEVITICUS 1:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> 'If his offering is of the flocks—of the sheep or of the goats—as a burnt sacrifice, he shall bring a male without blemish.

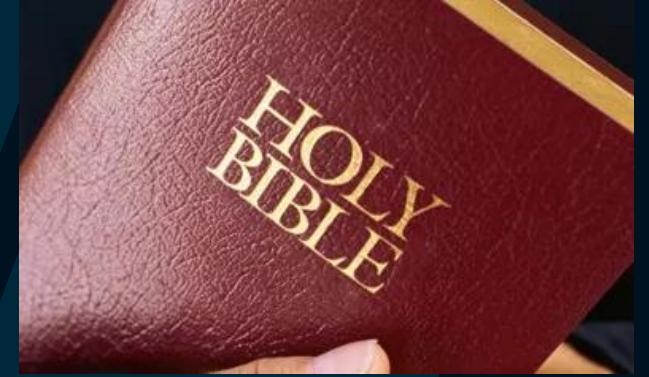




# Lesson Text

## LEVITICUS 1:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> He shall kill it on the north side of the altar before the Lord; and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle its blood all around on the altar.



## Lesson Text

### LEVITICUS 1:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> And he shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat; and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar;



## Lesson Text

### LEVITICUS 1:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> but he shall wash the entrails and the legs with water. Then the priest shall bring it all and burn it on the altar; it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord.



## Lesson Text

### LEVITICUS 1:14 (NKJV)

14 `And if the burnt sacrifice of his offering to the Lord is of birds, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves or young pigeons.



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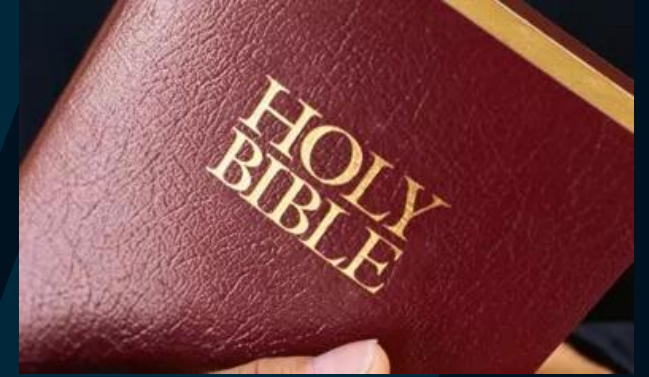
### LEVITICUS 1:15 (NKJV)

15 The priest shall bring it to the altar, [b]wring off its head, and burn it on the altar; its blood shall be drained out at the side of the altar.

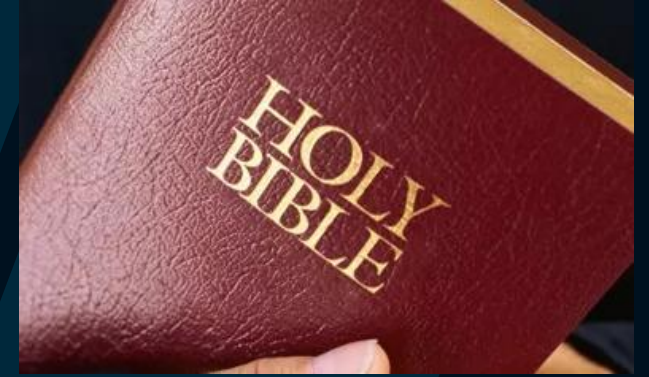
# Lesson Text

## LEVITICUS 1:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> And he shall remove its crop with its feathers and cast it beside the altar on the east side, into the place for ashes.







## Lesson Text

### LEVITICUS 1:17a (NKJV)

17 Then he shall split it at its wings, but shall not divide it completely; and the priest shall burn it on the altar, on the wood that is on the fire.

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## Lesson Text

### LEVITICUS 1:17b (NKJV)

17 It is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a <sup>[c]</sup>sweet aroma to the Lord.



# Old Testament Offerings

- There were 5 primary offerings offered in the Old Testament – each described in **Leviticus 1 – 7**
- Each differs on:
  - Who makes the offering
  - What is offered
  - On what occasion it is given

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# Old Testament Offerings

- Each differs on:
  - How much is burned or eaten
  - For what purpose is it being offered
- For some there's flexibility in what can be offered based on one's means
- Offerings are divided into **voluntary** and **mandatory** categories

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# Voluntary Offerings: **Burnt**

- the subject of today's lesson is a freewill offering given to express devotion to God and an acknowledgment of general sin or involuntary sins we may commit by omission
- The sacrifice was total

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# Voluntary Offerings: **Burnt**

- God also specified specific times when it was to be given by the priests for the benefit of all Israel:
  - Morning & Evening: **Exodus 29:38-42;**  
**Numbers 28:2**
  - Each Sabbath: **Numbers 29:9-10**
  - Beginning of the month: **Numbers 28:11**

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# Voluntary Offerings: **Burnt**

- Times given:
  - Passover: **Numbers 28:**
  - With new grain/firstfruits offering at Feast of Weeks: **Numbers 28:27**
  - Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah: **Numbers 29:1**
  - At the new moon: **Numbers 29:6**

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# Voluntary Offerings: Grain

- **Leviticus 2** – consisted of fruit of the field offered in the form of a cake or baked bread
- It was offered with some wine which was poured on the altar (**Numbers 15:4-5**)



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# Voluntary Offerings: Grain

- Purpose was to express thanksgiving in recognition of God's provision and unmerited goodwill towards the person making the sacrifice
- Priests were given a portion of this offering, but it had to be eaten within the court of the tabernacle or temple

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# Voluntary Offerings: Peace

- **Leviticus 3** – consisted of any unblemished animal and/or various grains or breads
- Entrails were given to God (burnt)
- The rest was given to the priests followed by a shared meal.
- Portions of animals were called **wave** or **heave** offerings during the ceremony

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# Mandatory Offerings: Sin

- **Leviticus 4** – consisted of various elements based on ones' means or position.
- Animals must have no blemishes
- Entrails were given to God (burnt)
- The rest was burnt on the altar, but the ashes were then thrown outside the camp

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# Mandatory Offerings: Tresspass

- **Leviticus 5** – consisted of various items based on one's means.
- It was offered for unintentional sins that required reimbursement to an offended party
- The entrails were given to God
- The remainder had to be eaten inside the court of the tabernacle or temple

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# Commentary: NT Perspective

- As numerous as these offerings were, they never could provide true atonement for sin or offer true fellowship with God
- Israel's iniquity became so great that God hated their sacrifices (**Isaiah 1:11-17; Jeremiah 6:20**)

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# Commentary: NT Perspective

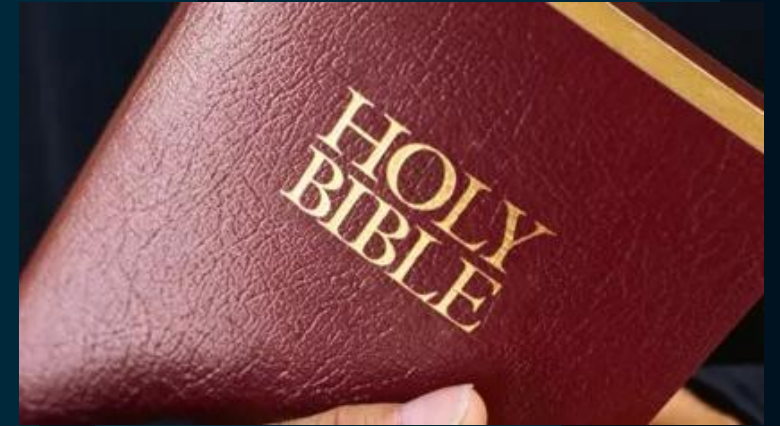
- Only one sacrifice would be sufficient for all our sins – by omission and commission.
- Jesus Christ is offered as the true lamb without blemish (**1 Peter 1:19**)

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# Commentary: NT Perspective

- And with Christ's substitution (propitiation) for our sins, His sacrifice also became a fragrant aroma pleasing to God (**Ephesians 5:2**)
- We therefore offer ourselves as living sacrifices (**Romans 12:1**)

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Scripture References

**Romans 12**

Living Sacrifices

**1 Samuel 15:22**

Obedience is better...



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# *Church School Creed*

Our Church School must grow & grow  
And we must help to make it so  
Every member a Christian  
Every Christian a worker  
Every worker trained  
A worker that will not be ashamed  
This we ask in Jesus' name

**-AMEN**

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# *Church School Benediction*

We have come

We have studied

We have learned

So until our next coming together

To study God's word

May His rich blessings reside with you

And may His Grace be eternally yours

**-AMEN**