

## WHY HAVE THE OFFERINGS?

## HEBREWS 9:11 - 15

[Jesus] entered the most holy place once for all time, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow, sprinkling those who are defiled, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works so that we can serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:12-14 (CSB)

**FOCUS:** God gave the offerings to remind Israel that it takes sacrifice to come into His presence because of His holiness. The offerings also pointed to all that Jesus was going to do for us to restore our relationship with God.

### OUTLINE:

1. **To Prepare Us for Heaven (v.11)**
  - a. Heaven is a place of holiness and holiness is what God demands from each of us.
2. **To Clean Us for Heaven (v.12 - 14)**
  - a. For us to have fellowship with God, there must be a sacrifice to come to Him.
3. **To Bless Us Eternally (v. 15)**
  - a. We know that sin cause separation and that separation causes death. It is through the sacrifice that brings us restoration. It is that restoration that will bless us for all eternity.
4. **So What?**
  - a. Jesus is our Burnt Offering because He, the perfect God-Man, became our Lamb to take the guilt of our sin upon Him so we can be restored before God.
  - b. Jesus is our Meal Offering, because He reminds us that there is nothing that we can do to come before God ourselves.
  - c. Jesus is our Fellowship Offering because it is through the cross and grave that Jesus can bring us into fellowship with God.
  - d. Jesus is our sin offering because we cannot come into God's presence without Him.
  - e. Jesus is our Guilt Offering because He came to restore His creation that had become polluted with sin and rebellion.