

The Fellowship Offering

Leviticus 3.1-17

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What is the Fellowship Offering?

- Fellowship offering / Wellbeing / good health / shalom... -- _____ offering
- It was a _____ offering that was surrounded with joy
- Dominated by threes:
 - Three different _____ - cattle, sheep, goats
 - Three _____ set apart for God - fat, kidneys, liver
 - Three prescribed _____
 - the Feast of Weeks (23:19, 20),
 - the completion of the Nazirite vow (Num 6:17-20), and
 - the installation of the priests (Lev 9:18, 22).
 - There were three separate _____ of fellowship offerings
 - the _____ offering, which was presented in response to a particular blessing an Israelite had experienced (7:12-15)
 - the _____ offering, which was presented as a result of the worshiper making a vow to God (Jonah 2:9)
 - the _____ offering, which was presented as a general expression of gratitude to God.
 - Shared between three _____ - God, the priests, the offeror

- The fellowship offering is a celebration:
 - Recognition of a blessing / thanking God for his goodness
 - Dedication of service to God / making a vow
 - Restoration / an act of Communion

What does it mean to have a personal relationship with God?

- You have experienced _____
 - Reconciliation begets celebration
 - Deut. 12:12, 18; 27:7; 1 K.8:66
- You have _____ yourself to God
 - Communion is the meal we share with God as a symbol and reminder of the promise we have made to God -- John 6.53-56
- You are in _____ with God and other believers
 - You share in and are a part of the body of Christ
 - Eating together implies acceptance; this was the issue the Pharisees had with Jesus:- Luke 15.1-2

What does the Fellowship Offering call to us?

- It calls us to _____. The fellowship offering was a celebration of consecration that was established through confession and dedication
- To have a personal relationship with God means you have...
 - Made a confession of faith- Romans 10.9-10
 - Made a commitment to follow God:- 1Kings 8.61 cf. 1Kings 9:4; 2Kings 20:3; Psalm 119:80; Isaiah 38:3
 - Made it your habit to live out your faith in community- Hebrews 10.23-25