

November 29, 2015

What was the purpose of the grain offering?

"When anyone brings a grain offering as an <u>offering</u> to the Lord, his offering shall be of fine flour. He shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it Leviticus 2:1 (ESV)

Minchah - giving tribute to a ruler or expressing recognition and thanks

Uncooked Grain Offering — Expensive Worship

"When anyone brings a <u>grain offering</u> as an offering to the Lord, his offering shall be of fine flour. He shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it and bring it to Aaron's sons the priests. <u>And he shall take from it a handful of the fine flour and oil, with all of its frankincense, and the priest shall burn this as its memorial portion on the altar</u>, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the Lord. But the rest of the grain offering shall be for Aaron and his sons; it is a most holy part of the Lord's food offerings. Leviticus 2:1–3 (ESV)

Cooked Grain Offering — <u>Hard Work</u> Worship

"When you bring a grain offering baked in the oven as an offering, it shall be <u>unleavened loaves of fine flour mixed with oil</u> or <u>unleavened wafers smeared with</u> <u>oil</u>. And if your offering is a grain offering <u>baked on a griddle</u>, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mixed with oil. You shall break it in pieces and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering. And if your offering is a <u>grain offering cooked in a pan</u>, it shall be made of fine flour with oil. And you shall bring the grain offering that is made of these things to the Lord, and when it is presented to the priest, he shall bring it to the altar. And the priest shall take from the grain offering its memorial portion and burn this on the altar, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the Lord. But the rest of the grain offering shall be for Aaron and his sons; it is a most holy part of the Lord's food offerings. Leviticus 2:4–10 (ESV)

- Bread
- <u>Crackers</u>
- Pancakes
- Donuts

First Fruits Offering

"If you offer a grain offering of first fruits to the Lord, you shall offer for the grain offering of your first fruits fresh ears, roasted with fire, crushed new grain. And you shall put oil on it and lay frankincense on it; it is a grain offering. And the priest shall burn as its memorial portion some of the crushed grain and some of the oil with all of its frankincense; it is a food offering to the Lord. Leviticus 2:14– 16 (ESV)

What was absent from the offering?

"No grain offering that you bring to the Lord shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey as a food offering to the Lord. As an offering of first fruits you may bring them to the Lord, but they shall not be offered on the altar for a pleasing aroma. Leviticus 2:11–12 (ESV)

...Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "<u>Be on your guard against</u> <u>the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy</u>. Luke 12:1 (NIV)

Let us therefore celebrate the festival, <u>not with the old leaven, the leaven of</u> <u>malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth</u>. 1 Corinthians 5:8 (ESV)

What must be present in the offering?

<u>You shall season all your grain offerings with salt.</u> You shall not let the salt of the covenant with your God be missing from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt. Leviticus 2:13 (ESV)

Ought you not to know that <u>the Lord God of Israel gave the kingship over Israel</u> forever to David and his sons by a covenant of salt? 2 Chronicles 13:5 (ESV)

What can we learn from the grain offering?

- The grain offerings reminds us give a regular thank-offerings to God for meeting our <u>daily needs</u>.
- The grain offering reminds us that when we give to God we give our best.
- The grain offering reminds us <u>God provides</u> for our daily needs.

"Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, Deuteronomy 8:11–14 (ESV)

• The grain offering teaches us to trust God for our daily needs.

The land you are entering to take over is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you planted your seed and irrigated it by foot as in a vegetable garden. But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. Deuteronomy 11:10–11 (NIV)

Give us this day our daily bread, Matthew 6:11 (ESV)

What does the grain offering teach us about <u>Jesus</u>?

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <u>Do not work</u> for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the <u>Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal</u>." John 6:26–27 (ESV)

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <u>I am the bread of life.</u> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:47–51 (ESV)

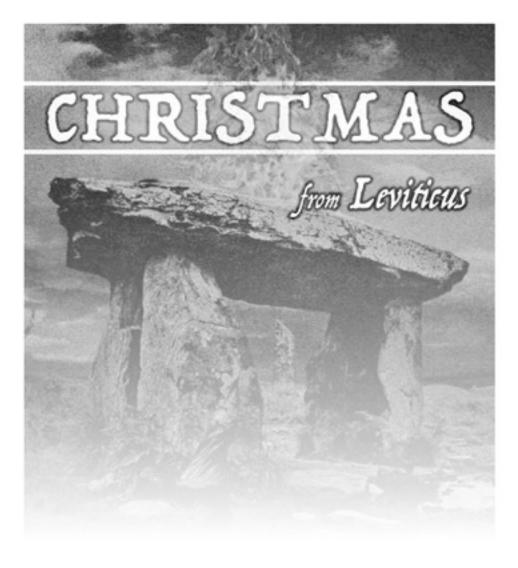
And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "<u>This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me</u>." Luke 22:19 (ESV)

• Jesus is the bread of life we need to walk with God every day.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:20–23 (ESV)

• Jesus is the first fruits of the resurrection guaranteeing our resurrection.

December 6 — <u>Christmas from Leviticus — Leviticus 3 — The Fellowship Offering</u> December 13 — <u>Christmas from Leviticus — Leviticus 4:1-5:13 — The Sin Offering</u>



Leviticus 2 — Grain Offering

SUNDAYS

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services

9:45 a.m.

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