

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

March 18, 2026

Leviticus 7.11-36

Introduction:

1. The sacrifices offered in the tabernacle had specific purposes. (Lev. 1.2; 2.2)
2. All of the sacrifices were made in connection to Israel's relationship with God emphasizing God's love for Israel and the world. (cf. John 3.16)
3. This relationship was crucial to fulfill God's promise to Abraham. (Gen. 12.1-4)

I. EXPLANATION OF THE PEACE OFFERING

- A. The purpose of the peace offering. (Lev. 7.11-16)
 1. **Leviticus 7.11-15:** The peace offering was an expression of thanksgiving.
 2. **Leviticus 7.16:** The peace offering was a completion of their vows.
 - a) Vows were made to God on condition of God's intervention. (Gen. 28.20,21)
 - b) Often vows were made in times of distress. (Ps. 66.13,14)
 - c) Peace offerings were made in celebration. (1 Sam. 1.11,24; Ps. 116.17.18)
 3. **Leviticus 7.16:** The peace offering was a voluntary expression of gratitude and honor toward God. (cf. Lev. 22.21-23)
- B. The prohibitions of the peace offering. (Lev. 7.15-27)
 1. **Leviticus 7.15-18:** There is a time restriction. (cf. Ex. 29.34)
 - a) Abomination: Always used of meat kept too long. (cf. Isa. 65.4; Ezek. 4.11)
 - b) The penalty for eating it after the second day. (Lev. 7.18; 19.8)
 2. **Leviticus 7.19-21:** Only those who are clean may eat of it.
 3. **Leviticus 7.22-26:** You may not eat of the fat or the blood.
 - a) Why was the restriction given? (Lev. 3.16; 17.10-12)
 - b) Does the restriction still apply today? (Lev. 3.17; Gen. 9.4,5; Acts 15.28,29)
- C. The portion of the peace offering. (Lev. 7.28-36)

II. EXAMPLES OF THE PEACE OFFERING

- A. The tribal leaders offered peace offerings.
 1. Context: The leaders of Israel offered sacrifices. (Num. 7.1-4)
 2. Each of the leaders offered peace offerings. (Num. 7.12-88)
- B. Samuel offered peace offerings.
 1. Context: Saul was anointed as king. (1 Sam. 10.17-21)
 2. To celebrate their new king, peace offerings were made. (1 Sam. 11.14.15)
- B. Solomon offered a national peace offering.
 1. Context: The construction of the temple was completed. (1 Kings 7.51)
 2. After bringing in the ark, Solomon gave a speech, offered a prayer, and then made a national peace offering. (1 Kings 8.62-64)
- C. Harlots would use a peace offering to lure men to their home. (Prov. 7.14)