1. The Peace Offering

Lev 3 [Herd] If his offering is a **sacrifice** of **peace** offering, if he offers an animal from the herd, male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD. And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and kill it at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and Aaron's sons the priests shall throw the blood against the sides of the altar. And from the **sacrifice** of the **peace** offering, as a food offering to the LORD, he shall offer the fat covering the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins, and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove with the kidneys. Then Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar on top of the burnt offering, which is on the wood on the fire; it is a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

If his offering for a **sacrifice** of **peace** offering to the LORD is an animal from the flock, male or female, he shall offer it without blemish.

[Lamb] If he offers a lamb for his offering, then he shall offer it before the LORD, lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it in front of the tent of meeting; and Aaron's sons shall throw its blood against the sides of the altar. Then from the **sacrifice** of the **peace** offering he shall offer as a food offering to the LORD its fat; he shall remove the whole fat tail, cut off close to the backbone, and the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove with the kidneys. And the priest shall burn it on the altar as a food offering to the LORD.

[Goat] If his offering is a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD and lay his hand on its head and kill it in front of the tent of meeting, and the sons of Aaron shall throw its blood against the sides of the altar. Then he shall offer from it, as his offering for a food offering to the LORD, the fat covering the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove with the kidneys. And the priest shall burn them on the altar as a food offering with a pleasing aroma.

All fat is the LORD's. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, in all your dwelling places, that you eat neither fat nor blood.

- Col 1:19-22 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, **making peace** by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were **alienated and hostile in mind**, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him
- Eph 2:11-17 Therefore remember that at one time **you Gentiles** in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of **Israel** and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For **he himself** is **our peace**, who has **made us both one** and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, **so making peace**, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and **preached peace** to you who were far off and **peace** to those who were near.
- 1 John 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have **fellowship** with us; and indeed our **fellowship** is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. (note: fellowship is the Greek word *koinonia* = sharing, participation)
- Rev 3:20 (NLT) Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will **share a meal together as friends**.
- Lev 9:15-18 Then he presented the people's offering and took the goat of the **sin offering** that was for the people and killed it and offered it as a sin offering, like the first one. And he presented the **burnt offering** and offered it according to the rule. And he presented the **grain offering**, took a handful of it, and burned it on the altar, besides the burnt offering of the morning. Then he killed the ox and the ram, the **sacrifice of peace offerings** for the people. And Aaron's sons handed him the blood, and he threw it against the sides of the altar.
- Lev 9:22 Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the **sin offering** and the **burnt offering** and the **peace offerings**.
- Rom 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Peace Offering Distinctives

- Lev 3:1 If his offering is a **sacrifice** of peace offering...
- Ex 12:6-10 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they **eat it**. They shall **eat the flesh** that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall **eat it**. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.
- Ex 12:26-27 And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' you shall say, 'It is the **sacrifice** of the LORD's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.' And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.
- Ex 24:5, 9-11 And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD...

 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.
- 1 Kings 8:62-63 Then the king, and all Israel with him, offered **sacrifice** before the LORD. Solomon offered as **peace offerings** to the LORD 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. So the king and all the people of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.
- Ps 107:22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!
- Heb 13:15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.
- Ps 116:14, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people... I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!
- Ps 119:108 Accept my **freewill offerings** of praise, O LORD, and teach me your rules.
- Deut 16:10 Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with the tribute of a **freewill offering** from your hand, which you shall give **as the LORD your God blesses you**.
- Lev 3:16-17 And the priest shall burn them on the altar as a food offering with a pleasing aroma. **All fat is the LORD's**. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, in all your dwelling places, that you eat neither **fat** nor blood.
- Gen 4:4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of **their fat portions**. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering
- Gen 45:18 and take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you **the best** of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat **the fat** of the land.
- Prov 23:16 My inmost being (literally, "kidneys") will exult when your lips speak what is right.
- Ps 26:2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart (literally, "kidneys") and my mind.
- Lev 7:31-33 The priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the **breast** shall be for Aaron and his sons. And the **right thigh** you shall give to the priest as a contribution from the sacrifice of your peace offerings. Whoever among the sons of Aaron offers the blood of the peace offerings and the fat shall have the **right thigh** for a portion.
- Lev 10:14 But the **breast** that is waved and the **thigh** that is contributed you shall **eat in a clean place**, you and **your sons and your daughters with you**, for they are given as your due and your sons' due from the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the people of Israel.
- Lev 7:15-21 And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten on the day of his offering. He shall not leave any of it until the morning. But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow offering or a freewill offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice, and on the next day what remains of it shall be eaten. But what remains of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned up with fire. If any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering is eaten on the third day, he who offers it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be credited to him. It is tainted, and he who eats of it shall bear his iniquity. Flesh that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned up with fire. All who are clean may eat flesh, but the person who eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of the LORD's peace offerings while an uncleanness is on him, that person shall be cut off from his people. And if anyone touches an unclean thing, whether human uncleanness or an unclean beast or any unclean detestable creature, and then eats some flesh from the sacrifice of the LORD's peace offerings, that person shall be cut off from his people.
- Deut 12:5-7, 12 But you shall seek the place that the LORD your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there.

 There you shall go, and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which the LORD your God has blessed you... And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male servants and your female servants, and the Levite that is within your towns, since he has no portion or inheritance with you.

3. Our Eating at the Table of the LORD

Heb 10:1

sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. Heb 13:10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. Heb 9:23 Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. John 6:53-56 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. 1 Cor 5:7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 1 Cor 11:23-25 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same

- Luke 22:16 For I tell you I will not eat it **until it is fulfilled** in the kingdom of God.
- Isaiah 25:6-9 6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples **a feast** of rich food, **a feast** of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

- Rev 19:9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."
- 1 Cor 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- 1 Cor 16:22 If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Maranatha (Our Lord, come)!