

Elder Vernon Johnson Animals

Bullock and the Offerings

The bullock was one of five animals used in the various sacrifices unto the Lord. The other animals used were the sheep, the goats, the turtledove and the pigeon.

The bullock, along with the sheep, was used in the sin offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offering. The goat was only used in the sin offering.

According to Leviticus chapter 7, in the sin offering and the peace offering the High Priest and the sons of the High Priest, who were the priests, were to eat the flesh of the offerings. However, they only could eat of the flesh of the offering if they were clean. If they had any uncleanness they were not to eat of the flesh of the offering.

As we have previously shown, the bullock is a beast of labor. The bullock in the offerings was symbolic of the labors of Christ who was offered for our sins and accepted of God.

In the New Testament, the redeemed children of God are called priests: Rev. 1:5 “And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” Notice that the ones for whom Christ died were washed from their sins in the blood of Christ and have been made priests unto God. Thus, the priests are clean through the atoning blood of Christ.

We draw the following conclusion from the above: the ones for whom Christ died and cleansed from their sins also are able to eat of the flesh of Christ. We eat spiritually of the flesh of Christ when we have the gospel proclaimed unto us and we believe it. Please note that only those who were cleansed by the blood of Christ can eat spiritually of the flesh of Christ through the gospel. Those who were not cleansed by the blood of Christ are unclean still and have no right to eat of the flesh of Christ. This explains 1 Cor. 1:18: “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.” Those that perish have no use for the gospel of the grace of God. Those who have been saved by the blood of Christ rejoice in the gospel of the grace of Christ.