

FIVE OFFERINGS IN LEVITICUS TODAY

JESUS DOES AWAY WITH THE ceremonial laws found in Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy⁷ but does not dismiss the principles behind them. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them” (Matt. 5:17). New Testament writers connect the sacrifices in Leviticus to the work of Christ on the cross and our response to what God has done (Eph. 5:2; Rom. 12:1). Each offering either represents an action that makes a relationship with God possible or celebrates the freedom that comes from knowing God. Note that the “sweet offerings” are sweet because they are not for sin. Sin is always obnoxious to God.

Voluntary Sweet Offerings (Sweet because they are not for sin)

Offering	Old Testament	Today
Burnt Offering	All given to God (except the skin)	Daily Surrender
Meal Offering	Shared with the priests	Thanksgiving, Tithes
Peace Offering	Shared with others	Communion, Hospitality

Involuntary Savory Offerings (Non-sweet because they deal with sin)

Offering	Old Testament	Today
Sin Offering	Fat offered on the altar Remainder burned outside the camp	Repent Accept Christ’s sacrifice for sin
Trespass Offering	Fat offered on the altar Remainder burned outside the camp Restore loss plus 1/5 (20%)	Repent and make restitution