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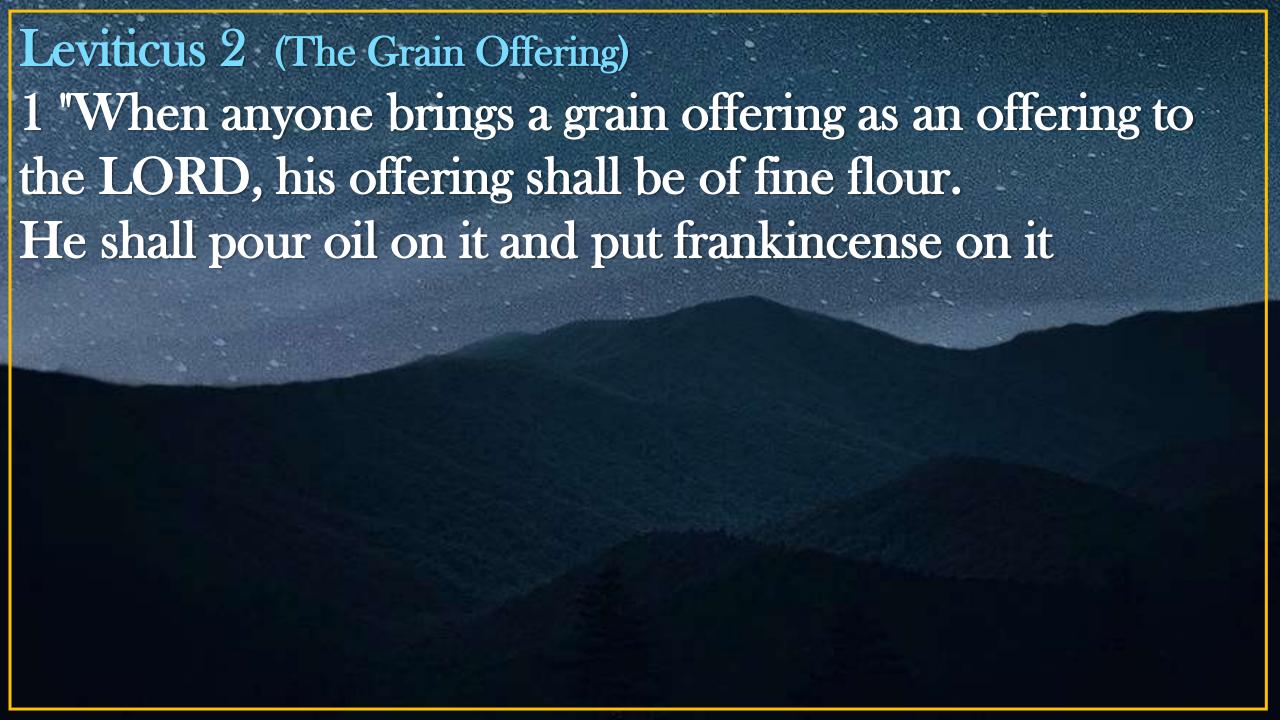
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... dwell with an unholy people?

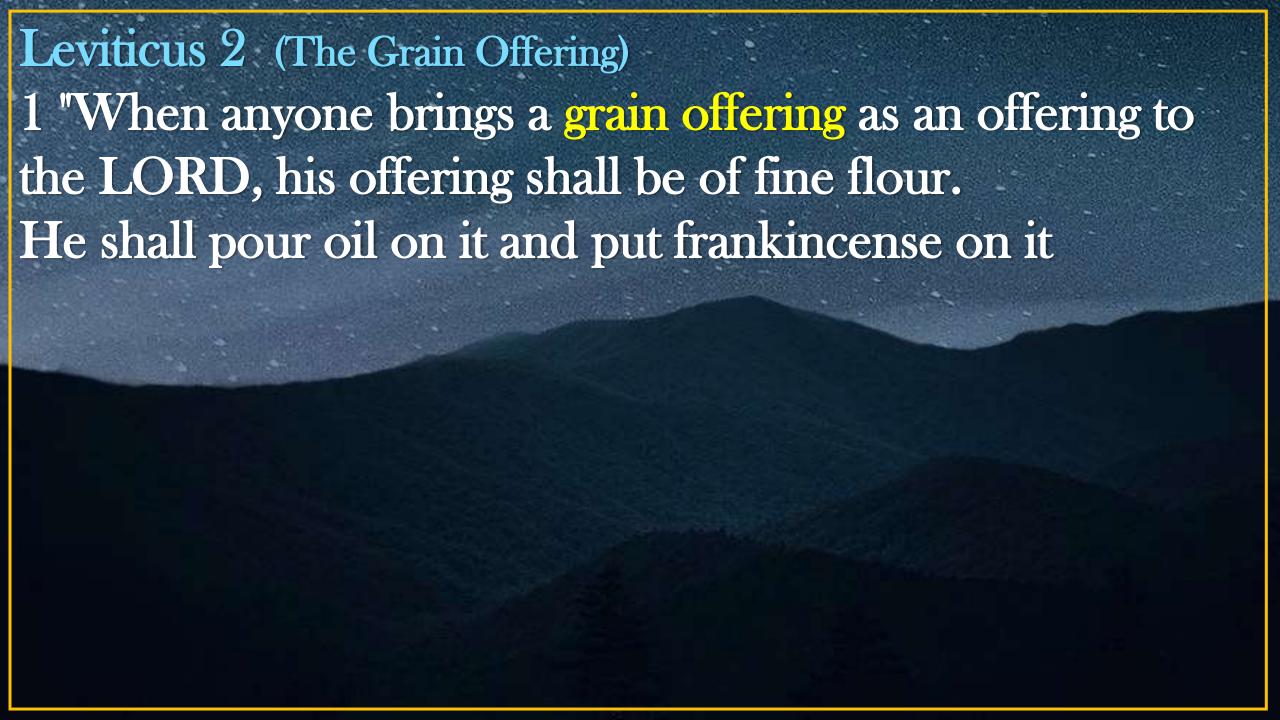
Leviticus 26

11 I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you.

12 And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.







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Four main ingredients:

- grain
- oil
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- 14 Now this is the law of the grain offering: Aaron's sons shall present it before the LORD in front of the altar. 15 The priest is to remove a handful of fine flour and olive oil, together with all the frankincense from the grain offering, and burn the memorial portion on the altar as a pleasing aroma to the LORD.
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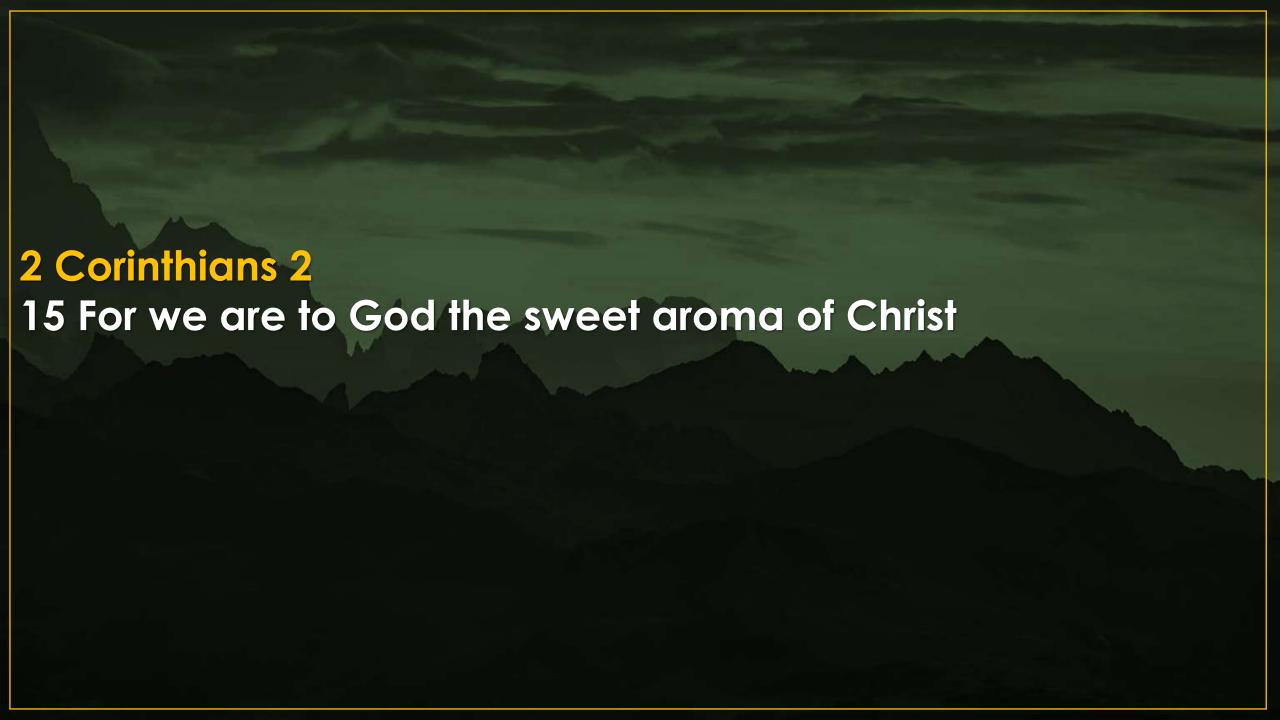
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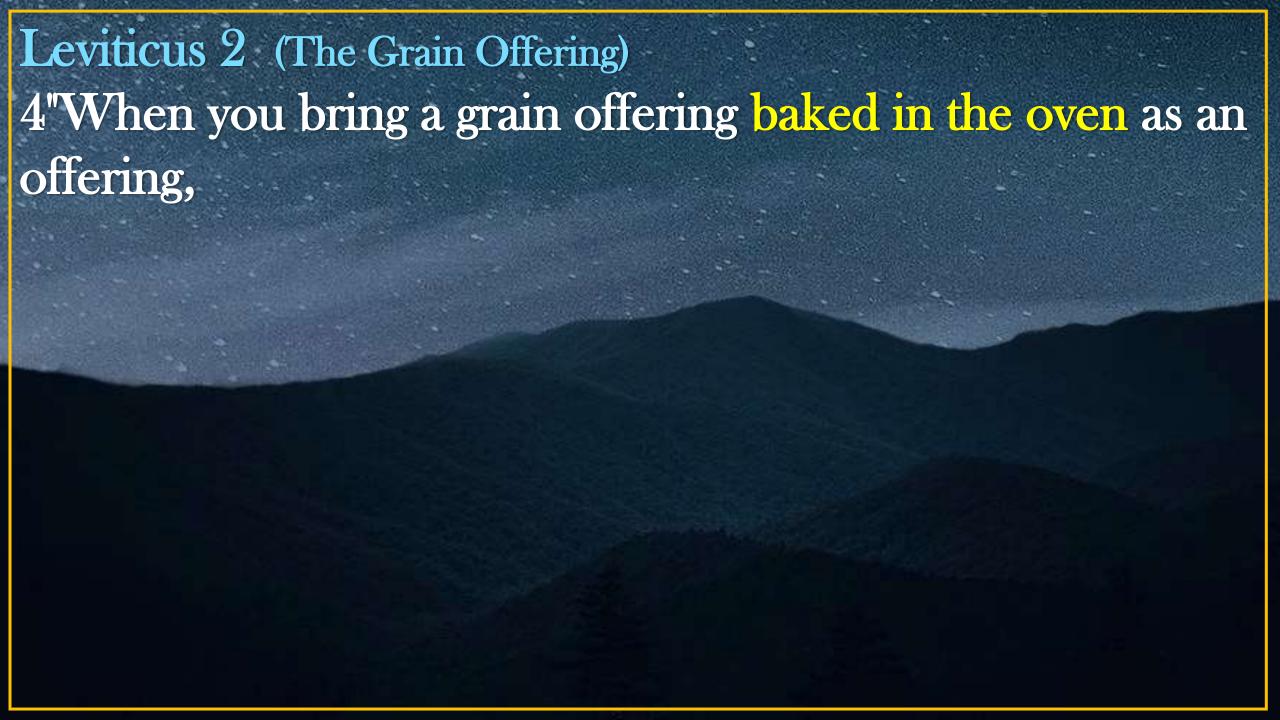
2 Corinthians 2

15 For we are to God the sweet aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

16 To the one, we are an odor of death and demise; to the other, a fragrance that brings life.

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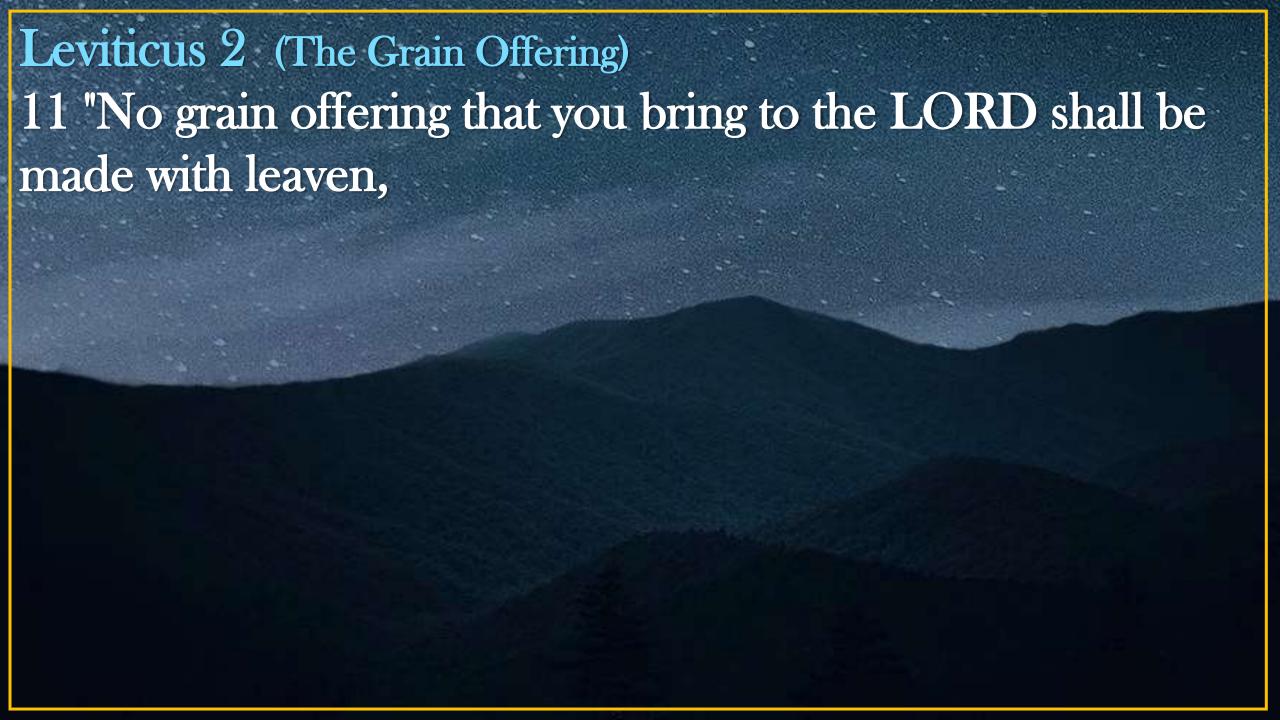
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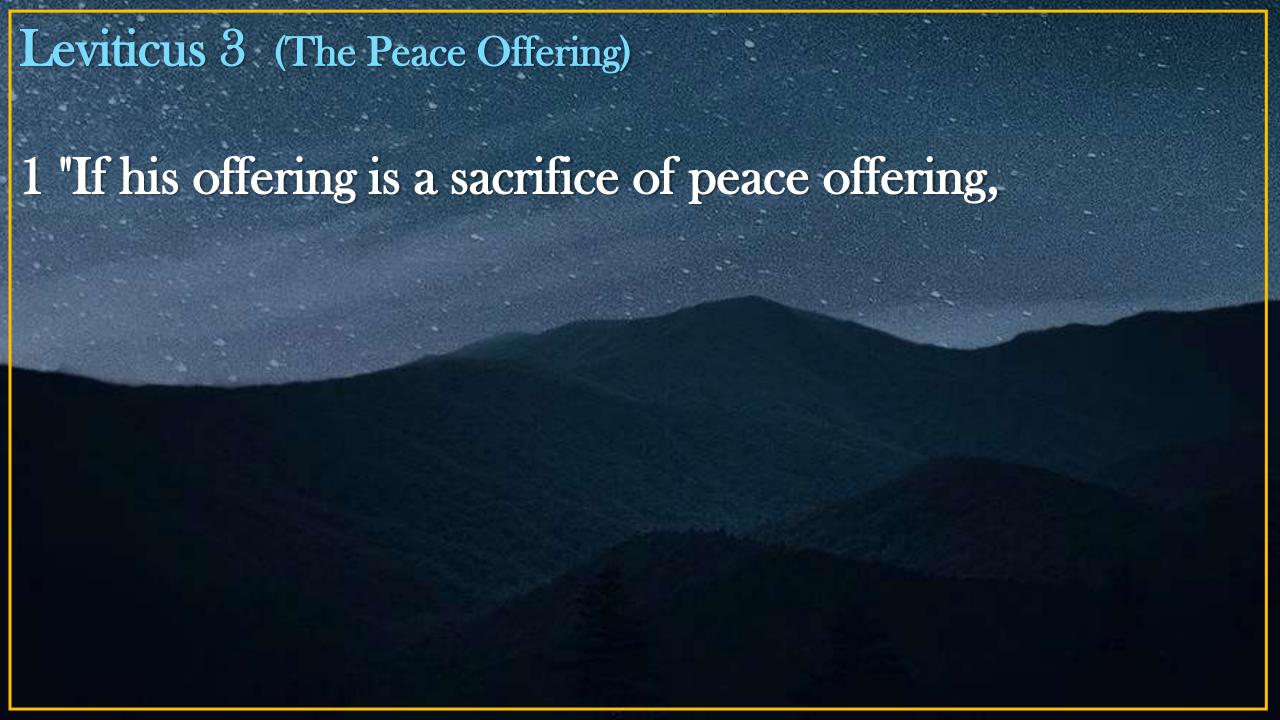
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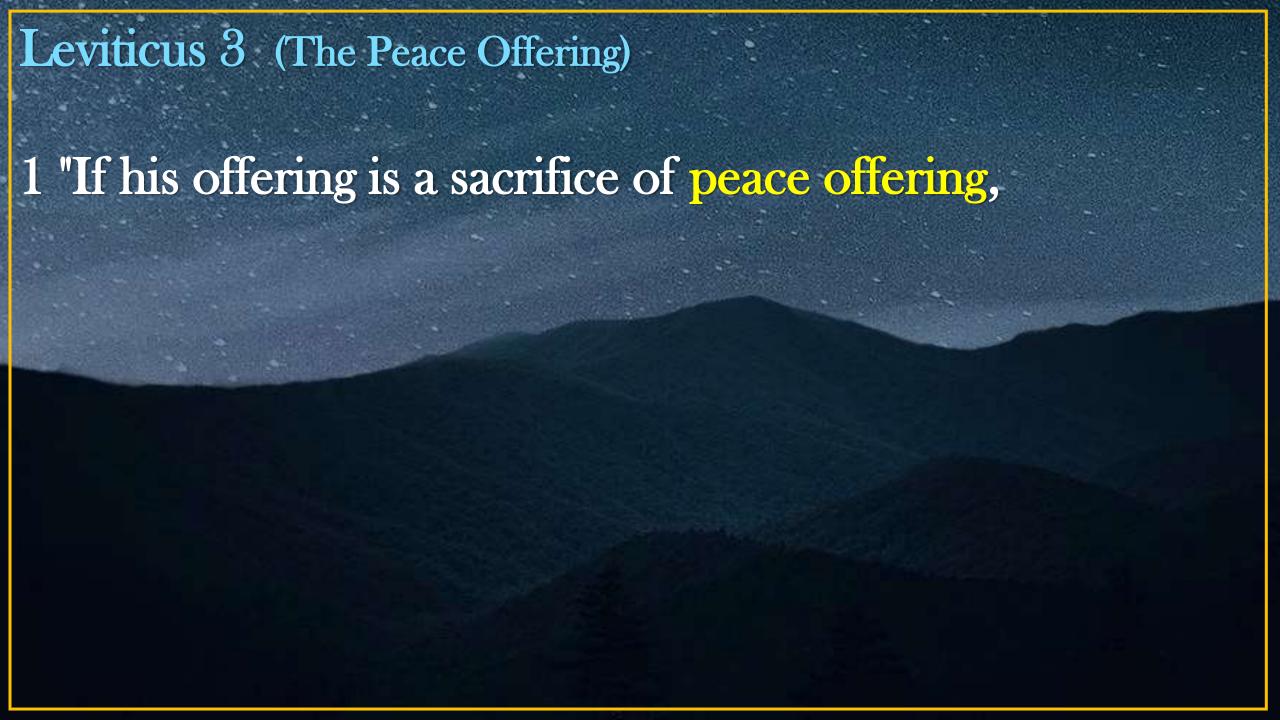
- 19 All the holy contributions that the people of Israel present to the LORD I give to you, and to your sons and daughters with you, as a perpetual due.
- It is a covenant of salt forever before the LORD for you and for your offspring with you."

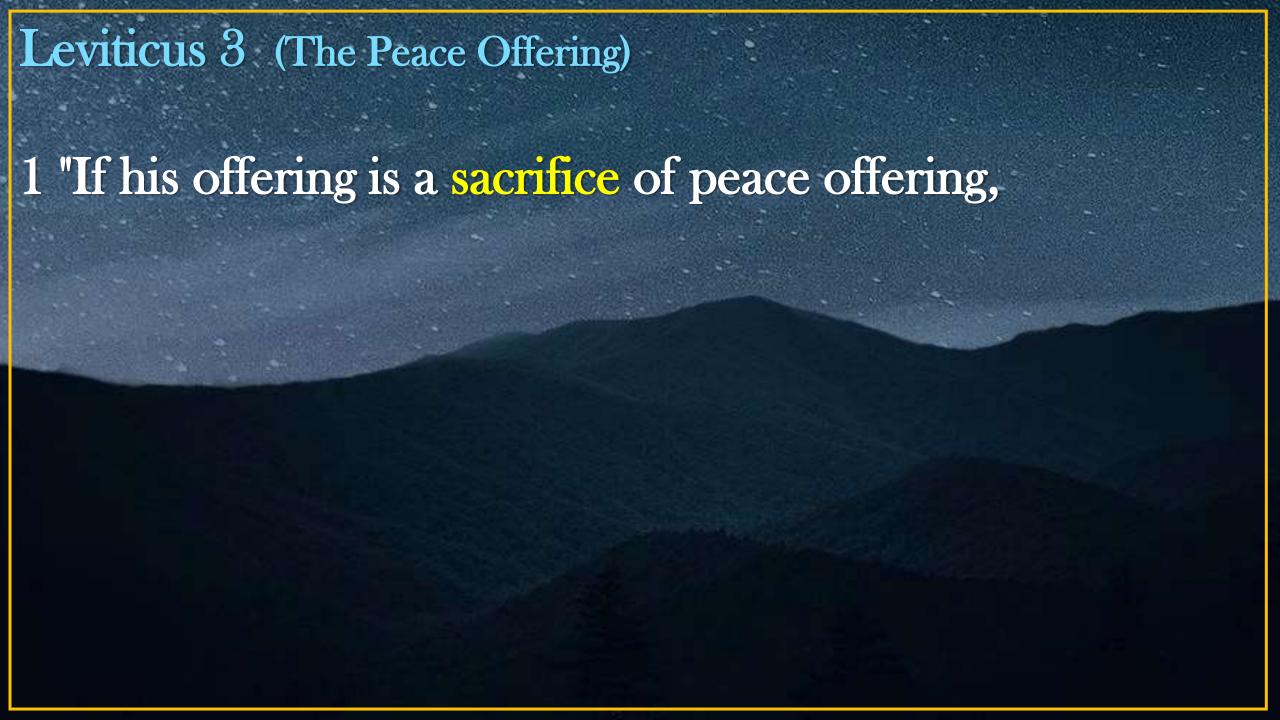
2 Chronicles 13

- 4 Then Abijah stood up ... and said, "Hear me, O Jeroboam and all Israel!
- 5 Ought you not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingship over Israel forever to David and his sons by a covenant of salt?

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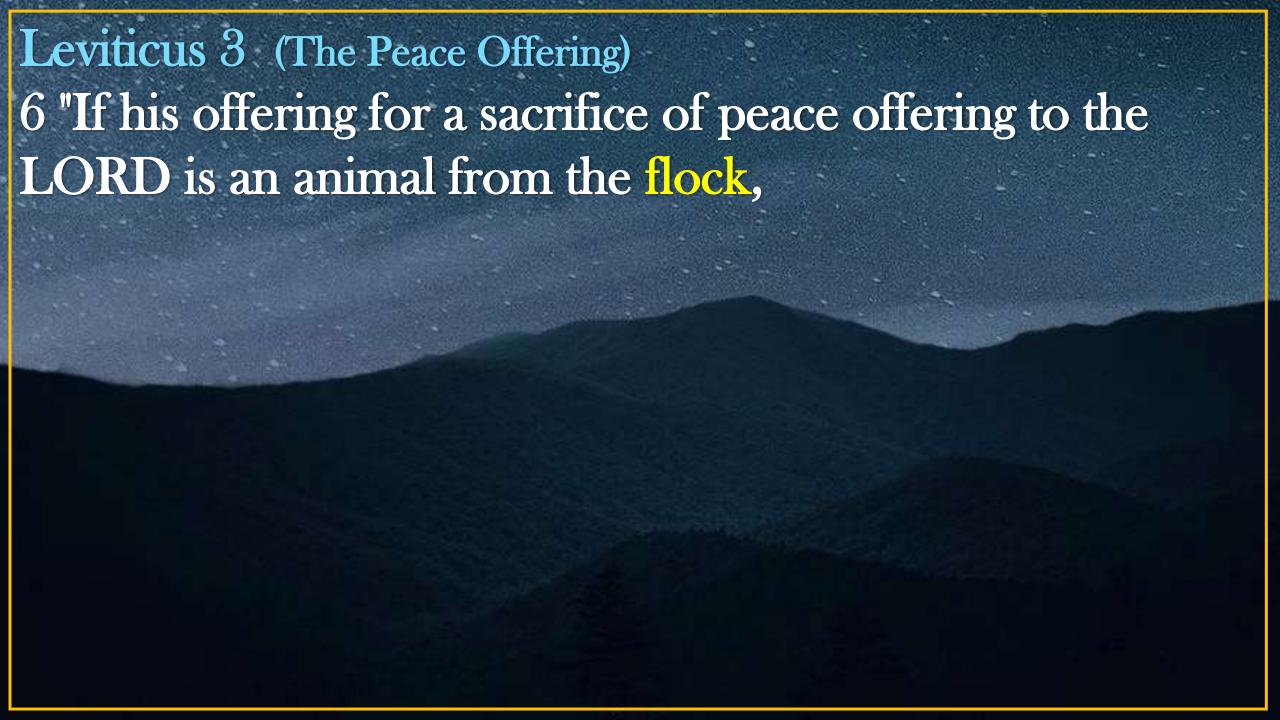
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- 3 And from the sacrifice of the peace offering, as an offering made by fire to the LORD, he shall offer the fat covering the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, 4 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins, and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove with the kidneys.
- 5 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 an offering made by fire, a pleasing aroma to the LORD.



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- 32 And you are to give the right thigh to the priest as a contribution from your peace offering.
- 33 The son of Aaron who presents the blood and fat of the peace offering shall have the right thigh as a portion.

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Romans 5

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we stand.

Colossians 1

21 Once you were alienated from God and were hostile in your minds, engaging in evil deeds.
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1 Corinthians 10

- 16 Is not the cup of blessing that we bless a participation in the blood of Christ?
- And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?
- 17 Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf.

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