淺論《利未記》中 五種獻祭的神學省思

A Theological Reflection of the Five Offerings in the Book of Leviticus

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摘要

舊約聖經《利未記》中首七章的五種獻祭條例:燔祭、素祭、贖罪祭、贖愆祭、平安祭,是古以色列人在社群中潔淨團體與自己,對雅威敬拜的重要律法,但是對現代人似乎非常的遙遠。本文首先透過整合這五種獻祭的律法,將每一種獻祭的經文,都以三個層面作詳細的閱讀分析:獻祭者的參與過程、祭物的重要性、祭司在獻祭禮儀中的角色,來思考這些獻祭律法的神學意涵。其次,在討論五種獻祭律例的同時,也分析這五種不同獻祭彼此的關聯,特別是劃定贖罪祭與贖愆祭在經文上的分界線,因爲不同的聖經版本對此二者有不同的經文區分。最後,依據前面討論的結果,進而思考這古以色列的獻祭律法,對今日基督宗教可能具有的屬靈意涵與信仰上的實踐意義。

關鍵詞:祭司、祭牲、獻祭、贖罪、潔淨、律法

Abstract

The regulations for the five different offerings in the first seven chapters of Leviticus in the Old Testament are important to the purification of ancient Israelites, both communally and individually, before Yahweh. To reflect upon the theological meanings of these five offerings, this article attempts to analyze the relevant texts through three perspectives, namely, the participatory process of the person making offering, the significance of the offering itself, and the role of the priest in the ritual process. Through a close reading of the laws concerning these five offerings, this article also analyzes the interrelationship of these five offerings, in particular how to divide verses concerning the sin offering and guilt offering, since different Bible versions have different divisions. Lastly, according to the analysis result, this article relates the offering regulations (laws) with the spiritual meaning of modern Christianity and offers possibilities of how to apply these regulations to modern people.

Keywords: Priest, Sacrifice, Offering, Atonement, Purification, Regulations/Laws