# **The Grain Offering**

#### Leviticus 2

Read Leviticus 2:1-16

## 1.) The Prescription of the Grain Offering

#### A.) The Uncooked Grain Offering

Read verse I

The Ingredients: Flour, Oil, and Frankincense

### B.) The Cooked Grain Offering

Cooked in: An Oven, A Griddle, or a Covered Pan

## C.) General Stipulations of the Grain Offering

#### i.) The Exclusion of Leaven and Honey

Read verse II.

- The Effect of Yeast and Honey Spreading was Symbolic of the <u>Corruption</u> of <u>Sinful</u> Influence
- The Effect of Yeast Mixing Into the Dough Was Symbolic of  $\underline{\text{Disorder}}$  or  $\underline{\text{Disharmony}}$
- Only <u>Dead</u> Things Were to be Offered on the Altar and Yeast is a <u>Living</u> Organism

#### ii.) The Inclusion of Salt

- Salt Reminded the Worshipper of Their Covenant with the Lord

"...you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering..." (v. 13)

"...it is a covenant of salt forever before the Lord with you and your descendants with you." (Numbers 18:19)

- Salt Underscored the Covenant's Permanence

## D.) The Grain Offering of Firstfruits

"...green heads of grain roasted on the fire, grain beaten from full heads" (v. 14)

## 2.) The Nature of the Grain Offering

- A.) The Grain Offering was a <u>Tribute</u> to a <u>Sovereign</u> Lord.
- B.) The Grain Offering was a Reminder to a Covenant God.

"The aroma of the burnt portion of grain ascended to heaven like the prayers and petitions of the saints mentioned in Revelation 5:8, keeping the worshipper's need and situation before the Lord and reminding him to fulfill his promises with diligence."—Derek Tidball

# C.) The Grain Offering was a <u>Response</u> to a <u>Generous</u> Creator.

- The Grain Offering Teaches Us That Our Daily <u>Labor</u> is to be <u>Consecrated</u> to the Lord.
- The Grain Offering Reminded the Israelites that Work is Not a <u>Necessary</u> <u>Evil</u>, but an Act of <u>Worship</u>

"Biblically speaking, work is not a necessary evil but an act of worship: it is service rendered in the presence and to the glory of the Lord." — Derek Tidball