

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
LEVITICUS 1 – BURNT OFFERING, 2 – MEAT OR GRAIN OFFERING,
3 – PEACE OFFERING

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we begin our study of the book of Leviticus.

Say – First we must ask who were the Levites? The tribe of Levi was responsible "To do the service" or take care of the Tabernacle.

⁶Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him.

⁷And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle.

⁸And they shall keep all the instruments (vessels or furniture) of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.

⁹And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel.

¹¹And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ¹²And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine;
¹³Because all the firstborn are mine; for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed (separated) unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I am the LORD Numbers 3:6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 - 13.

Say - There were three major families of Levites; the Gershon family took care of the Tabernacle, the tent, the covering and the hanging for the door or entrance of the Tabernacle. Also the hangings and screen for the door of the court, Numbers 3:25-26.

The Levite family of Kohath were to care for the ark, the table, the candlestick/lampstand, alters and the vessels of the sanctuary, Numbers 3:31.

The Levite family of Merari were to care for the boards of the Tabernacle, the bars, the pillars, sockets, pins and cords, Numbers 3:36-37. Eleazar, the son of Aaron, was the chief overseer of the Levites, later he became the High Priest, Numbers 3:32.

Say – The Levites were musicians in the tabernacle ³¹“And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after that the ark had rest. ³²And they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem: and then they waited on their office according to their order” I Chronicles 6:31-32, Nehemiah 11:22.

Say – The Levites helped with the slaughter of the sacrifices ³⁴“But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests” 2 Chronicles 29:34.

Say – Levites dedicated to God ⁶“Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them. ⁷And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean (take a bath to purify them).

⁸Then let them take a young bullock with his meat offering, even fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin offering. ⁹And thou shalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together:

(Ordination to God) ¹⁰And thou shalt bring the Levites before the LORD: and the children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites: ¹¹And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD for an (symbolically offer a wave offering, see Exodus 29:27) offering of the children of Israel, that they may execute the service of the LORD. ¹²And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer (prepare) the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, unto the LORD, to make an atonement for the Levites (The Levites had to be purified before serving God’s people.). ¹³And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for an offering unto the LORD. ¹⁴Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine.

¹⁵And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for an offering. ¹⁶For they are wholly given unto me from among the children of Israel; instead of such as open every womb, even instead of the firstborn of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto me. ¹⁷For all the firstborn of the children of Israel are mine, both man and beast: on the day that I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself. ¹⁸And I have taken the Levites for all the firstborn of the children of Israel.

¹⁹And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel: that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary (This is what the Levites were to do to serve Israel not to be over them or live high and mighty but to serve them.).

²⁰And Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, did to the Levites according unto all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them (This was the teaching of God not man.).

²¹And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them as an offering before the LORD; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them. ²²And after that went the Levites in to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation before Aaron, and before his sons: as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

²³And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ²⁴This is it that belongeth unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: ²⁵And from the age of fifty years they shall cease (stop) waiting upon the service thereof, and shall serve no more (in the tabernacle, this shows the gracious care of God for His people for it was a lot of work in the tabernacle): ²⁶But shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge” Numbers 8:6-26.

Say – The Levites had no land in the land of Canaan “²³But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance (in the land of Canaan). ²⁴But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance” Numbers 18:23-24. God saw to it the Levites were well taken care of.

Say – God had the Children of Israel give the Levites cities and the land around it “¹And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying, ²Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in (a place for them to live, God gave graciously to the nation and God wanted the nation to give to the Levites); and ye shall give also unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them.

³And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs (open land around where the Levites lived for feeding cattle or pastureland) of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts. ⁴And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall reach from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about. ⁵And ye shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city shall be in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities (they had to measure and the Levites could not say I want more).

⁶And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities (There were no prisons but “cities of refuge” where they were taught the Law and Way of God and it was a place of safety for them, read “that the slayer might flee thither (to the refuge cities), which should kill his neighbor unawares (meaning a mistake) and hated him not in times past, and that fleeing unto one of these cities he might live” Deuteronomy 5:42.). ⁷So all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites shall be forty and eight cities: them shall ye give with their suburbs. ⁸And the cities which ye shall give shall be of the possession of the children of Israel: from them that have many ye shall give many; but from them that have few ye shall give few: every one shall give of his cities unto the Levites according to his inheritance which he inheriteth” (nine from Judah and Simeon; four from Benjamin; four from Ephraim and Dan; two from the half of Manasseh; two from the other half; four from Issachar and Asher, three from Naphtali; four from Zebulon and Reuben and Gad, see Joshua 21) Numbers 35:1-8.

Say – The Levites had the tithes of the Israelites for the Feast days because they had no land so they had no 2nd tithe and God wanted them taken care of “²⁷And the Levite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee. ²⁸At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe (1st and 2nd tithe) of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: ²⁹And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest” Deuteronomy 14:27-29. The Levites came and took their portion, the widows and orphans and then all came and took their portion and everyone goes to the Feasts. Also understand they were from an agrarian society.

Say - The Levites, when the cloud showed them it was time to move forward in the wilderness were responsible for dismantling the Tabernacle and carrying it on to the new destination and set it up again in the new location. Once they had arrived at the new destination, God had a specific place for each tribe to camp around the Tabernacle, Numbers 2:1-34.

Leviticus 1

Say –The Tabernacle traveled with the 12 tribes of Israel until the time of David.

¹And the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation (the residence of God), saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock (All of the offerings were

what God had given to man. Sacrifice meant bringing oneself totally to God or totally submissive to God. The sacrifice represented self and while the animal was physical the intent of the sacrifice was spiritual even though they did not have God's spirit and it is the same today; what we do physically is what we intend spiritually for our heart and mind should sincerely be in what we do. Paul tells us "3And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity (love), it profiteth me nothing" I Corinthians 13:3. We must develop a sincere love to God.).

Say – Verses 3-17 are of the Burnt Offering.

³If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD (The sin of the person was transferred to the sacrifice.).

⁴And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him (Atonement means to cover the sinner and the sin but God will not accept it if we are not sincere; if we hate our brother we must clear that up first.).

⁵And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

⁶And he shall flay the burnt offering, and cut it into his pieces (The skin was not offered with the burnt offering only with the sin offering. "Cut it into pieces" was to show that the offering was without blemish.).

⁷And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire (only wood could be used): ⁸And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar: ⁹But his inwards and his legs shall he wash in water (The Bible tells us "²⁶That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word (God's word is spirit.) ²⁷That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" Ephesians 5:27 and we will have spots and blemishes if we are contrary to the Laws of God.): and the priest shall burn all on the altar, to be a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD (Remember a "sweet savour" was what God wanted and would accept and if we are not sincere in our sacrifice it is a stench unto God for everything we do we do it unto God. All of these sacrifices had a spiritual meaning.).

¹⁰And if his offering be of the flocks, namely, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt sacrifice; he shall bring it a male without blemish.

¹¹And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle his blood round about upon the altar.

¹²And he shall cut it into his pieces, with his head and his fat: and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar: ¹³But he shall wash the inwards and the legs with water: and the priest shall bring it all, and burn it upon the altar: it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD (They do not lay themselves on the alter but something to represent them and that is why they had to be sincere.).

(If one can't afford the cattle then bring turtledoves or young pigeons.) ¹⁴And if the burnt sacrifice for his offering to the LORD be of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves, or of young pigeons.

¹⁵And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and wring off his head, and burn it on the altar; and the blood thereof shall be wrung out at the side of the altar: ¹⁶And he shall pluck away his crop with his feathers (faults), and cast it beside the altar on the east part, by the place of the ashes: ¹⁷And he shall cleave it with the wings thereof, but shall not divide it asunder: and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that is upon the fire: it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

Leviticus 2

Say – Verses 1-16 is of the Meal or Grain Offering and remember all Physical things are symbolic of the spiritual.

¹And when any will offer a meat offering unto the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour (not only ground flour but very even with no lumps in the flour); and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon (Flour mixed with oil and the frankincense went to God as a “sweet savour”.):

²And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn the memorial (to remind, The Bible tells us “³Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice” Psalm 20:3; “...Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God” Acts 10:4.) of it upon the altar, to be an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD:

³And the remnant of the meat offering shall be Aaron's and his sons' (represented Christ): it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire

⁴And if thou bring an oblation of a meat offering baken in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

⁵And if thy oblation (offering) be a meat offering baken in a pan (a flat plate or griddle), it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil.

⁶Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour oil thereon: it is a meat offering.

⁷And if thy oblation be a meat offering baken in the fryingpan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil (God wants refined flour and the oil is symbolic of His Holy spirit; only the best for God. Many people read books and mix what or how God wants to be worshipped but He wants fine flour; not coarse ground for it is impure. What did Christ offer before God; self as a refined meal not coarse ground; a body prepared and His oil was pure and Christ is our example. It is the body that covets, steals, hates but God's people must empty that before coming to God by asking forgiveness of our sins for He wants fine flour; we are to present ourselves a "living sacrifice" giving of our time, our prayer and help to others.).

⁸And thou shalt bring the meat offering that is made of these things unto the LORD: and when it is presented unto the priest, he shall bring it unto the altar (Can only come to God through our High Priest, Jesus Christ.).

⁹And the priest shall take from the meat offering a memorial thereof, and shall burn it upon the altar: it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

¹⁰And that which is left of the meat offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

¹¹No meat offering, which ye shall bring unto the LORD, shall be made with leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.

¹²As for the oblation of the firstfruits, ye shall offer them unto the LORD: but they shall not be burnt (ascend) on the altar for a sweet savour.

¹³And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt (Salt is the great antiseptic preventing fermentation and removes blight from the animal. Not only do we offer salt we are to become the salt; the Bible tells us "¹³Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour (flavor), wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men (this is the fate of the wicked and will not be in God's Kingdom). ¹⁴Ye are the light of the world (only those who walk in the light/truth just like Jesus and have His spirit dwelling in them; the Bible tells us "¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" Matthew 5:16.). A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid" Matthew 5:13-14.).

Say – What does it mean to be the “salt of the earth”? God gave His people a commission to “preach the Good News to the world” and even though they would be shunned by the majority of the world for the Bible tells His people, “And you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved” Matthew 10:22, but they were to never give up, Mark 16:15.

Say - What is the “salt” in this verse; it is the Truth of God and to be the “salt of the earth” one must live it or they would be a fake and “cast out”. It is through God’s Truth, to those who will listen and learn, where people will find the way to salvation for the Bible tells us “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...Mark 16:16. God’s Truth heals us physically and spiritually because “His word is spirit”; the Bible tells us “It is the spirit that quickeneth (gives eternal life); the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” John 6:63 and cleanses us from sin.

Say – What does “let your light so shine before men” mean? “Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in (spiritual) darkness, but shall have the light of life” John 8:12; most people hate the “light/truth” of God and want to live in darkness because the Bible tells us “In whom the god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God should shine unto them” 2 Corinthians 4:4.

In another place the Bible tells us “In him was life; and the life was the light of men” I John 1:4; God’s light are His laws and when we obey God’s laws, we are a light unto the world. “For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge (knowledge of God’s Truth and salvation) of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (Jesus is the only one who shows the “glory of God” so let His Truth shine through His people) 2 Corinthians 4:6.

¹⁴And if thou offer a meat offering of thy firstfruits unto the LORD, thou shalt offer for the meat offering of thy firstfruits green ears of corn dried by the fire, even corn beaten out of full ears.

¹⁵And thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay frankincense thereon: it is a meat offering.

¹⁶And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, part of the beaten corn thereof, and part of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Leviticus 3

Say – Verses 1-17 are of The Peace Offering.

¹And if his oblation (offering) be a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offer it of the herd; whether it be a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD (Make peace with God and can’t make peace with Him if we have something against someone else.).

²And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about (If hands are not clean as an evil doer, this means nothing or it is in vain or empty.).

³And he (the person offering the sacrifice not the priest) shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD (complete peace or from a pure heart); the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards,

⁴And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

⁵And Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which is upon the wood that is on the fire: it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD (It is a "sweet savour" because it was offered by a pure heart.).

⁶And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offering unto the LORD be of the flock; male or female, he shall offer it without blemish.

⁷If he offer a lamb for his offering, then shall he offer it before the LORD (Always remember all we do is done before God not anyone else.)

⁸And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle the blood thereof round about upon the altar. ⁹And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat thereof, and the whole rump, it shall he take off hard by the backbone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, ¹⁰And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

¹¹And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire unto the LORD.

¹²And if his offering be a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD.

¹³And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about.

¹⁴And he shall offer thereof his offering, even an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, ¹⁵And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

¹⁶And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savour: all the fat is the LORD's.

¹⁷It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood (There are still descendants of Israel so this is not done away.).

Say - All the sacrifices brought before God was an act of faith that God would accept them. We do the same thing even though there are no physical sacrifices but there will be when the Temple is re-built and the sacrifice indicated what was in the heart or mind; we must repent of sin with a sincere heart.

MEMORY VERSE

Ye are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world
Matthew 5:13-14

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS AND YOUTH

WHO WERE THE LEVITES?

THE LEVITES WERE TO DO THE SERVICE OR TAKE CARE OF THE
TABERNACLE OR TENT;
THEY WERE TO KEEP ALL THE VESSELS OR FURNITURE OF THE
TABERNACLE.

THERE WERE THREE MAJOR FAMILIES OF THE LEVITES; THE
GERSHON FAMILY TOOK CARE OF THE TABERNACLE, THE TENT,
THE COVERING AND THE HANGING FOR THE ENTRANCE
TO THE TABERNACLE;

THE LEVITE FAMILY OF KOHATH WERE TO CARE FOR THE ARK, THE
TABLE OF SHEWBREAD, THE CANDLESTICK, THE ALTARS AND
THE VESSELS OF THE SANCTUARY OR HOLY PLACE.

THE LEVITE FAMILY OF MERARI WERE TO CARE FOR THE BOARDS OF
THE TABERNACLE, THE BARS, THE PILLARS, SOCKETS, PINS AND
CORDS;

ELEAZAR, THE SON OF AARON, WAS THE CHIEF OVERSEER OF THE
LEVITES; LATER HE BECAME THE HIGH PRIEST.

THE LEVITES WERE IN CHARGE OF MUSIC FOR THE TABERNACLE;
THEY WERE APPOINTED BY DAVID TO DO THE SERVICE OF
SONG IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD;
THE LEVITES ALSO HELPED WITH THE KILLING OF THE SACRIFICES
BECAUSE THE PRIESTS WERE TOO FEW.

THE LEVITES WERE DEDICATED TO GOD AND PURIFIED FOR GOD BY
WASHING THEMSELVES FOR THEY WERE GIVEN UNTO GOD
AMONG THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL;
BRING THE LEVITES BEFORE THE LORD AND THE CHILDREN OF
ISRAEL SHALL PUT THEIR HANDS UPON THE LEVITES AND
AARON SHALL OFFER THEM BEFORE THE LORD.

THE LEVITES HAD NO LAND IN THE LAND OF CANAAN SO THE REST OF THE TRIBES WERE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM FOR GOD HAD GIVEN GRACIOUSLY TO THE NATION AND GOD WANTED THE NATION TO GIVE TO THE LEVITES;
GOD HAD THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL GIVE THE LEVITES CITIES AND THE LAND AROUND IT WHERE THE LEVITES COULD FEED THEIR CATTLE AND PASTURE IN.

THE LEVITES HAD THE TITHES OF THE ISRAELITES FOR THE FEAST DAYS SO EVERYONE BROUGHT THEIR TITHES;
FIRST THE LEVITES TOOK THEIR PORTION, THEN THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS AND THEN ALL CAME AND TOOK THEIR PORTION AND WENT TO THE FEASTS.

WHEN THE CLOUD SHOWED THE LEVITES IT WAS TIME TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE WILDERNESS, THEY DISMANTLED THE TABERNACLE AND CARRIED IT TO THE NEW SITE;
ONCE THEY ARRIVED AT THE NEW CAMP THEY SET UP THE TABERNACLE AND GOD HAD A SPECIFIC PLACE FOR EACH TRIBE TO CAMP AROUND THE TABERNACLE.

THE LEVITES WERE VERY BENEFICIAL FOR THE TABERNACLE TO KEEP IT RUNNING SMOOTHLY AND GOD SAW TO IT THAT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL TOOK GOOD CARE OF THEM.

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What is the "salt" in the above verse?; it is the Truth of God and to be the "salt of the earth" one must live the truth of God. It is through God's Truth, to those who will listen and learn, where people will find the way to salvation for the Bible tells us "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...Mark 16:16. God's Truth heals us physically and spiritually

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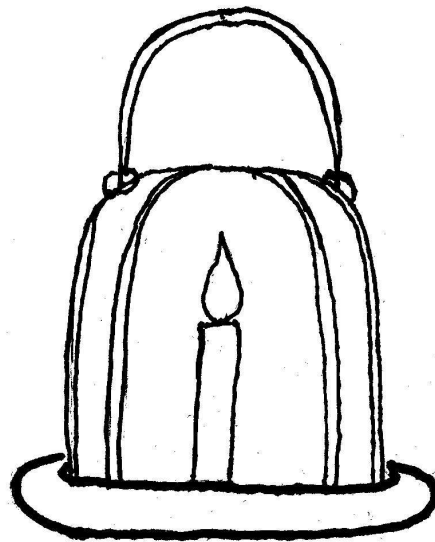
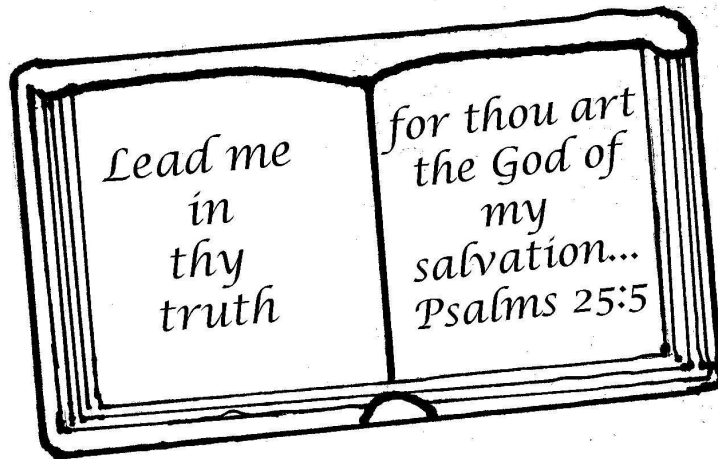
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I HOPE YOU ARE THE "SALT OF THE EARTH" AND THAT GOD'S LIGHT IS SHINING THROUGH YOU IN OUR WORLD OF SPIRITUAL DARKNESS.

Your Name

You are the salt of the earth



You are the light of the world...Matthew 5:13-14

When we obey God.