People around the world today are divided by things like race, politics, and vaccination status. This penchant for division stretches all the way back to the Garden of Eden, for the first thing Adam and Eve did after they fell was attack each other: Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the snake (Gen. 3:12, 13). Sadly, we hear of such divisions in the home and church too, for fallen humans can almost always find a reason to be divided, even if it's just over styles of music or the color of the church carpet.

The name of the peace or fellowship offering is related to the Hebrew word *shalom*, which means “peace” or “well-being.” Found in Leviticus 3 and 7, this offering is a strong reminder to live in peace and fellowship with one another. The sweet peace we have with God through Jesus should inspire us to seek peace with each other. God wants us to press together in these last days, not pull away (Heb. 10:25).

The fellowship offering was the only one that allowed the offeror to eat part of the sacrifice. The offeror, out of thanksgiving or because of a vow, brought a sacrifice to the temple, where it would be divided three ways: God received the fat burned on the altar, the priest received the breast and shoulder, and the offeror received whatever was left (Lev. 3:16; 7:14, 15, 31, 34). The offeror shared this meal with their family and with others connected to their household at God’s appointed place near the tabernacle (Deut. 12:6, 7, 17, 18). This shared meal was a time of rejoicing, for it celebrated a close connection with God and a tight fellowship with one another. God deeply values fellowship and peace among His people.
Write out Leviticus 3 from the translation of your choice. If you’re pressed for time, write out Leviticus 3:16, 17. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map it.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

**Circle** repeated words/ phrases/ideas

**Underline** words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw **Arrows** to connect words/ phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

How is full fellowship missing in your life? Or how are you experiencing full fellowship with God?

Read more at www.inversebible.org/stw04-3
What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

Unlike other relationships, how does and how can spiritual fellowship endure through external circumstances (such as a pandemic)?

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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Deuteronomy 12:6–19
Isaiah 9:6
Matthew 18:15–20
Romans 5:1
Romans 12:18–21

What other verses come to mind in connection with Leviticus 3?

Review your memorized verse from Leviticus 3.
Meditate on Leviticus 3 again and look for where Jesus is.

What is He saying to you through these texts?

Where are areas in your life where the fellowship of love and peace needs to be manifested?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer Response:

Read more at www.inversebible.org/stw04-6
Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of Leviticus 3, where do you need peace personally?

Where can the principles of fellowship be applied in your social circles?

Read more inSight from the Spirit of Prophecy at www.inversebible.org/stw04-7
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Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

In what ways does the fellowship offering point to Jesus?

How does your home and church family fellowship together that has stood out to you?

What could you proactively do to encourage more fellowship?

What actions or steps could you take to start regular family meals in your home? If you already have them, share how they are beneficial to you and the family.

Why does having a meal together have the potential of turning an enemy into a friend?

How can we minister to people who are discouraged, depressed, or even suicidal?

How is God using you to bring peace to people who are divided by various things?

How do you think the foot washing portion of the communion service helps to heal hurt and discord within the church?