

ASHES *to* LIFE

LEVITICUS 6:8-13 | ISAIAH 61 | LUKE 23 | A PICTURE OF CHRIST



Leviticus 6:8-13

- 8** The Lord said to Moses: **9** “Give Aaron and his sons this command: “These are the regulations for the burnt offering: The burnt offering is to remain on the altar hearth throughout the night, till morning, and the fire must be kept burning on the altar. **10** The priest shall then put on his linen clothes, with linen undergarments next to his body, and shall remove the ashes of the burnt offering that the fire has consumed on the altar and place them beside the altar. **11** Then he is to take off these clothes and put on others, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a place that is ceremonially clean. **12** The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it. **13** The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out.”

1 The Burnt offering

God's instructs them to let the _____.

Notes: _____



2 The fire

Some scholars believe the continuous fire is connected to Hebrews _____ as a type for Christ where it says: He _____ lives to intercede for them.

Notes: _____



3 The removal of the ashes

The priest puts on his _____, These garments were the garments prescribed for priestly ministry, these garments were worn when the priest _____ to God.

God still instructs the ashes to be treated with _____ and _____.

Notes: _____



4 Taken outside the camp

God did not leave the destination to chance and the destination was considered _____.

Notes: _____



Luke 23:50-53

50 Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, **51** who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. **52** Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. **53** Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid.

John 19:40-41

Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. **41** At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.

The ashes Leviticus 6:10-11

- The sacrifice is consumed.
- The priest handles _____.
- The ashes are carried outside the camp.
- They are deposited in a ceremonially _____.

The Gospel accounts

- Jesus _____.
- Joseph carefully handles His body.
- Jesus is _____ Jerusalem.
- His body is placed in a _____ tomb.

Life

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, **2** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, **3** and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes... Isaiah 61:1-3

"Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:21

How do we move from simply knowing that Jesus can bring beauty instead of ashes to actually experiencing the life He offers?

1 Identify _____

What is that one thing in your life where you desperately need Jesus to bring beauty instead of ashes?

2 Examine How _____ Ashes

You may not have chosen the ashes you're sitting in, but with Jesus' help, you don't have to make them your _____.

Am I allowing Jesus to lead me toward the life He offers, or am I _____?

3 Take _____ Ashes

Ask Jesus, "Lord, what is _____ You've been inviting me to take that I've been unwilling to take?" Jesus doesn't ask you to pretend the ashes aren't real. He invites you to trust Him enough to take the _____ toward the life He has for you.