

message summary

As we begin this journey in Leviticus It is full of blood, guts, and fire as well as animal sacrifices. Yet when you take a closer look and unravel the layers you discover connections to the core message of the Gospel. Burnt offerings were significant sacrificial practice in ancient Israel. The offering was a voluntary act of worship, symbolizing complete devotion and surrender to God. The worshiper brought a male animal, without blemish, to the entrance of the Tabernacle, laid hands on it, and then slaughtered it. The priests would sprinkle the blood around the altar, and the offering was burnt in its entirety on the altar as a pleasing aroma to the Lord. Throughout history, people have sought to earn God's favor through worship, sacrifices, and service. This passage explains to us that it is possible to understand one's standing with God. Let's read Leviticus 1:1-17 together to learn that God is not angry with us, but loves us so much that He give us a way to have a relationship with Him.

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observation

- What were the key components of the burnt offering?

- Why was the burnt offering considered a voluntary act of worship?

- What role did the worshiper play in the burnt offering process? What does the act of laying on hands symbolize?

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interpretation

- Why was it essential for the animal to be without blemish and how does that foreshadow Jesus sacrifice on the cross?

- How would it change your perspective to use the word gift or offering instead of sacrifice? What would be gained by that? What would be lost?

- Read Psalm 50:9-13. If God does not need the offering to satisfy his hunger, why is the food/meal imagery used? What does it communicate?

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application

- Why do you think God required a complete burning of the animal in the burnt offering and how does that relate to us?

- How does the idea of a pleasing aroma to the Lord impact your understanding of worship and sacrifice?

- How does Tithing relate to the burnt offering and how does tithing grow you closer to God?

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