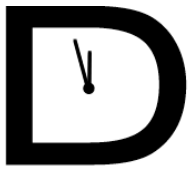


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Worship

2. Through Sacrifice

September 29, 2009



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*Worship **without sacrifice** shows only affection through convenience.*

*Worship **through sacrifice** shows affection through commitment.*

Why Were There Sacrifices?

Sacrificial Offerings: offerings to God in Old Testament times by which man hoped to atone for his sins and restore fellowship with God.

God instructed them as to how to do this:

The sacrifices had to be:

1. The first
2. The purest
3. The best

It had to be the most important piece of produce, livestock, or other product that a person owned.

It had to be a SACRIFICE to give it to the Lord.

1 Chronicles 21:22

David wants to bring a sacrifice of worship to the Lord as a display of repentance for a mistake he made.

The mistake:

1. lack of **faith in God**.
2. lack of **commitment to God**.

He didn't want to make the same mistake twice.

Read 21:22 - 26

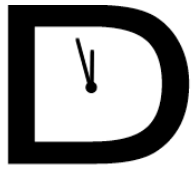
Key Verse: "No, but I will surely buy it for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for the Lord, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing."

God designed the Sacrificial laws of Israel so that people would realize they could never be perfect on their own. He wanted to **reveal the need of mankind for God**.

Jesus came as a God's solution to the problem.

Jesus became the sacrifice himself and atoned for our sins by sacrificing his life.

BREAKAWAY GROUP DISCUSSION



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Worship through **Sacrifice**

Breakaway Group Discussion

A. Sacrifice shows:

1. **Trust** Genesis 22:2, Hebrews 11:19
2. **Commitment** Genesis 28:10-22 – sacrificed what he had (oil)
3. **Repentance** 1 John 1:9, Romans 10:9, James 5:13-16 (sacrifice our pride so we can receive God's blessing)
4. **Obedience** Luke 22:39-46 (Jesus knew He would sacrifice his life)
Romans 12:1

Which of these do you need to work on in your life?

B. Do you need to:

1. Trust God?
2. Commit to God?
3. Repent to God?
4. Show obedience to God?
5. Other:

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1. **What are the rewards of each?**
 2. **Which is the hardest to do?**