

## Lesson 2 – Sacrifices to the Lord

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We are studying in the book of Leviticus. Leviticus means “about the Levites”. The Levites were from the tribe of Levi, and they were the tribe the priests came from.

The Levites served God in special ways. Many of the Levite men became priests and worked in the tabernacle. The priests had the special job of offering sacrifices to the Lord. God had told the Israelites to bring animals to offer as a sacrifice to God. They were to bring a male sheep that was perfect to the entrance of the tabernacle. This animal would be killed and the blood would atone for the sins of that person.

The priests, Aaron’s sons, would take the animal to the altar and burn it. It’s blood would be sprinkled on the altar. As the lamb burned, an aroma pleasing to God went up from that altar. The priests must follow God’s rules for the offerings.

There were also food and grain or bird offerings. All must be offered just as God’s word said. When a person sinned, he must confess the sin and he must bring a perfect sheep or goat to the priest. If he was poor, two doves or pigeons could be used to atone for the sin. In other words, be forgiven for his sin.

Today, we have Jesus who was the sacrifice for our sins. We do not sacrifice animals anymore. Jesus’ blood is much better than animal blood for Jesus is perfect. After all, animal blood never really took away sins for good but only for a time.

We can be forgiven by being cleansed from our sins in baptism. Baptism washes away our sins completely. We must obey His will in the New Testament. When we are baptized, we are new. We must then obey God’s instructions for us for the rest of our lives. We are to be holy.

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### QUESTIONS

- T F 1. The Levites were God's special helpers.
- T F 2. Anyone could be a priest.
- T. F 3. The priests worked in the tabernacle.
- T F 4. Aaron and his sons were priests.
- T F 5. Only the priests had to obey God.
- T F 6. The people must bring sacrifices.
- T F 7. A sacrifice must be perfect.
- T F 8. A sacrifice was always a lamb.
- T F 9. Our sacrifice was Jesus.
- T F 10. We do not have to obey Jesus.
- T F 11. Jesus does not forgive sins.
- T F 12. Our sins are washed away in baptism.