

# Take Time to Be Holy

Lesson 2

## Sacrifices to the Lord

**Theme:** Sacrifice—God helping people to be holy

### Memory Verse

“I am the Lord. I brought you up out of Egypt to be your God. So be holy, because I am holy.”

Leviticus 11:45

### Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Leviticus 1:1-5; 2:1-3
- 2 Leviticus 3:1-2; 4:1-7
- 3 Leviticus 5:17-19
- 4 1 Samuel 15:22-23; Micah 6:6-8
- 5 Hebrews 10:1-4, 11-14

**G**od wants people to be His people, and this means they must be holy as He is holy. But people have sins and sicknesses and other problems. These problems take people away from God. They make people unholy. But God made a way for people to be close to Him and to worship Him. God told His people how to make sacrifices so they could be right with Him. In

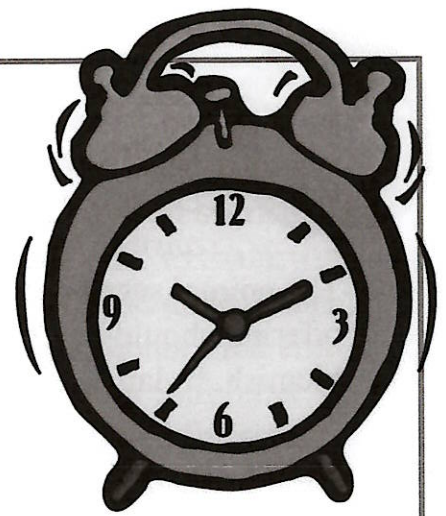
Old Testament times, these sacrifices were animals or grains that were usually burned as they were given to God. The sacrifices are also called “offerings” because they are offered to God to thank and honor Him.

By teaching Israel about sacrifices, God was helping His people be holy and close to Him.

### Leviticus 1:1-5; 2:1-3

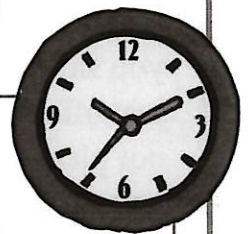
Who was to lay his hands on the head of the animal that would be sacrificed? a) the priest, b) the one who offered it, c) the Levite

Part of the grain offering was offered to the Lord in fire. What was to be done with the rest of the grain offering?

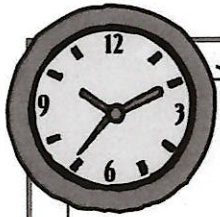


After this lesson you should be able to ...

- Name at least two kinds of sacrifices
- Describe the animal that was offered as a sacrifice
- Tell what sacrifices did for the people
- Tell the sacrifice that is for everyone







**Leviticus 3:1-2; 4:1-7**  
*Cross out the incorrect answer.*

The animal sacrificed as a peace offering should be a) without blemish, b) large, c) male or female.

Where was the priest to sprinkle the bull's blood of the peace offering?

### Sacrifices that Please God

Suppose your mom makes you a big plate of your favorite cookies. You smell them baking and can't wait to eat them. But before the cookies come out of the oven, you learn about a family whose house burned. Your mother suggests that you and your family should help the hurting family. You decide to give the whole plate of cookies to them. This would be a kind of sacrifice. You take something that belongs to you, that you think is important, and give it freely to someone else.

God told the people of Israel all about sacrifices and how to make them. People were to take animals or grains that belonged to themselves and give them to God. The person offering the sacrifice was to lay his hand on the head of an animal before it was killed. This helped people remember that they were giving something of their own to God.

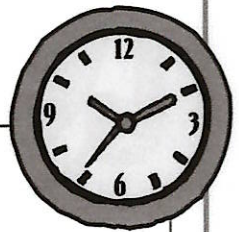
God also said that a sacrifice was to be the best that a person had. The animals used as sacrifices were not to have flaws, such as being blind or hurt in some way. The grains were to be the first crop taken from the fields. The first of the crop was considered to be the best. God deserves the best people have to give. Giving Him the best honors God.

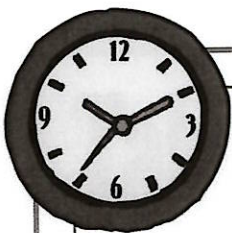
Sacrifices were to be offered to God carefully. In Leviticus, God explained what was to be done with the animal's blood, fat, and other parts. If a person wanted to make a sacrifice that pleased God, he had to follow God's exact instructions. A worshiper did not say, "Well Lord, I know you said a lamb, but I don't have one. I'll just offer you a chicken instead." This would not please God. We can truly honor God only in the way He tells us in His Word.

People were to make sacrifices to God from an obedient heart. Sometimes people thought they could do whatever they wanted to do, and then make a sacrifice to take care of their wrong. But making a sacrifice would not take the place of obeying God. Instead, sacrifices were to come from hearts set on doing God's will.

**Leviticus 5:17-19**  
*True or False?*

If a person sinned and he did not mean to, he did not have to make a sacrifice for sin.





**1 Samuel 15:22-23; Micah 6:6-8**

*True or False?*

It was okay to disobey the Lord and just make a sacrifice for it.

What three things does the Lord require?

### Kinds of Sacrifices

God gave Israel instructions about different kinds of sacrifices. Some sacrifices were to thank God for what He had done. Other sacrifices were to honor God and give oneself to Him. Still other sacrifices were offered for sins. In Leviticus, God explained how people were to make different sacrifices for different reasons and in different ways.

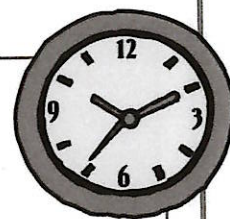
Old Testament animal sacrifices helped people be right with God and taught them about a great sacrifice that would be for everyone—the sacrifice of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus was the most valuable sacrifice ever made, the best God could give. He was the perfect One who stood in our place. Jesus gave Himself for our sins to bring us to God. Jesus’ sacrifice of His life was so powerful that no other sacrifice will ever be needed again!

**Hebrews 10:1-4, 11-14**

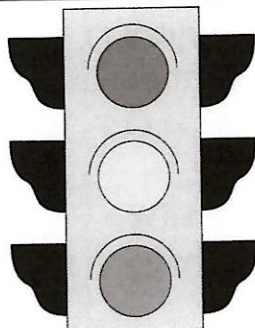
*True or False?*

Old Testament animal sacrifices helped people be right with God, but they could not themselves take away sin.

What was the difference in how many times Old Testament priests made sacrifices and how many times Jesus made His sacrifice?



I thank God for giving us His Son as a perfect sacrifice.



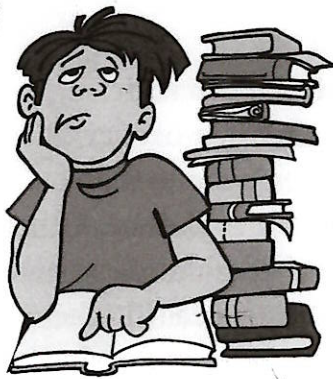
Put an X in the light that best describes you.

**Red—not often**

**Yellow—sometimes**

**Green—all the time**





## Think About It...

Are you now offering any sacrifices to God? How do these sacrifices “cost you”?

## Take Time for Bible Facts

Write Genesis 1:1 from memory.



What Old Testament books are about Israel’s kings with special attention given to the temple?

On a map inside the back cover, mark with a O, Israel’s enemies: Edom, Ammon, Moab, Philistia, and Assyria/Babylon/Persia.