FINDING MORE – WEEK ONE

Acceptable Sacrifice

To better understand how to be a living sacrifice unto God, I think we need to look at the old Testament and what was required for sacrifices offered to God.

In Leviticus, we learn of the different types of offerings and the sacrifices they were to bring. Look up each chapter and write out the purpose of each type of offering and the sacrifice required.

1. **Burnt Offering (chapter 1)**
    a.
    b.
2. **Meat (Grain) Offering (chapter 2)**
    a.
    b.
3. **Peace Offering (Chapter 3)**
    a.
    b.
4. **Sin offering (chapter 4)**
    a.
    b.



5. **Trespass (Guilt) Offering (chapter 5)**
    a.
    b.
        i. **restitution and sacrifice –**

When we read about the different types of sacrifices that were to be brought for the offerings, there were a few things that were required for all of them.

>SACRIFICES WERE TO BE BROUGHT OF THE PERSON'S FREE WILL." (LEV 1:3)

When a sacrifice was to be given. Each Person had to choose if they would obey God's command. No one could take the Sacrifice for them and no sacrifice would be accepted outside of the person freely offering it.

Application:

God does not force us to surrender our lives to Him. He graciously gives us free will to present ourselves surrendered to His will.

>EVERY SACRIFICE WAS TO BE WITHOUT BLEMISH.

When the children of Israel brought a sacrifice, the priest would inspect what was presented to ensure there were no defects. They were to bring the best they had. God didn't accept a sacrifice that was damaged.

Application:

God expects us to bring Him our best from of all we have. He doesn't want what is left over or only from our abundance.

God isn't looking for a "dead" sacrifice that we begrudgingly present with no heart or desire. He wants a living sacrifice that

This may seem redundant but

SACRIFICES WERE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE LORD. (LEV. 1.10)

In the Old Testament, each person was to bring their sacrifices to God's appointed places. Sacrifices could not be offered wherever a person chose but only as the Lord directed.

Application:

Paul explicitly implores us as believers to present ourselves as a living sacrifice before the Lord daily. Remember, "to present" means to hand over something as a gift.

> And He said to [them] all, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Luke 9:23

Here is the question we must ask ourselves, "Are we handing over our lives daily before the Lord as an offering without blemish, of our own free will?"

Jesus Christ was the final death Sacrifice that paid for our atonement, the very least we can offer back is our lives. As you dig deeper into the Word this week take some time to read the verses below and jot down how Jesus fulfilled all the requirements for each of us.

Mark 10:45

John 10:18

1 Peter 2:24