Sacrificial Instruction

Russ Bowman · Leviticus 4:3–20 · Series: **God's Desire for Man**

INTRODUCTION

- You always have to give up something that you want for something that you want more.
- It is a wonderful description of the concept of sacrifice. That you give up something that you want for something that you want more.
- I'm of the opinion that everything in the scriptures, in the scriptures for a reason. That we don't get to pick and choose what's important and what's not important.

1 When Someone Sins, Something Has to Die

Isaiah 59:1–2; Leviticus 1:4; Isaiah 53:4–6

- If God is life, and sin separates me from God, then what's the wages of sin? I'm separated from life. That's death.
- He'll put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.
- The only reason that animal was dying is because those people had sinned.
- We've the ones that have put him to death, not because of anything that he did, but because of what we did.
- He was wounded for our transgressions. He was buried for our iniquities.
- Sin takes the holy beings that we are created to be, and he makes us horrendous.

2 The Power, the Sufficiency of the Blood of Jesus

2 Chronicles 7; Hebrews 10:4; Hebrews 10:26–31

- It is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats can take away sin.
- They were forgiven. But they were forgiven because Jesus was coming. And Jesus offered his blood.
- That blood is powerful enough to forgive. every sin that's ever been committed or ever will be committed by every human being that's ever lived or ever will live on the face of the earth.
- Making sure that we are careful and use this as an incentive to our own righteousness.
- If we sin willfully after we've received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.

3 God Pays Attention to Details

Leviticus 4:20; Luke 6:46; Romans 12:1

- What if you don't do with this bull as you did with the sin offering? Well, then there is no atonement.
- You couldn't just bring any old animal. You had to bring the very best one that you had.
- It wasn't just enough of make a sacrifice. You had to have the right attitude, and your life had to be changing.

- Nadab and Abihu did what God had not commanded.
- What you read in the Bible is there's details that God expects us to pay attention to.
- I beg you by the mercies of God, you present your bodies a living sacrifice.

4 Religious Actors: Familiarity Breeds Contempt

Isaiah 1:10–15

- God is frustrated with the children of Israel because they became religious actors.
- Anytime you have to do the same thing over and over, what happens is there's the danger that familiarity breeds contempt.
- To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to me, says the Lord?
- Were they making the sacrifices? Yes. What does God say? I'm sick and tired of your sacrifices. Why? Because it didn't make any impact upon them.
- Jesus didn't die on a cross with our hands on his head so that we can go through the motions, folks.
- Worship's only effective if you make it effective and if I make it effective for myself.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We need to be careful that we just don't go through the motions in our service to God, but that our service is passionate and real and meaningful and intentional.**

MY NOTES