

LESSON 8

OFFERINGS

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Part One

1. Why is there less emphasis on the value of the offerings than on the person's willingness to offer? Aren't more expensive gifts always better gifts?

2. How can we make an offering today that is pleasing to the Lord?



Part Two

1. When a grain offering was given, a part of it would be burned on the altar as a "memorial portion," while the rest was left for the priests. Why do you think God instructed the Israelites to reserve a portion of their offering for the priests, instead of burning everything?

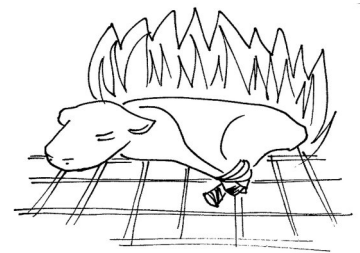
2. The grain offering reminds us that we should offer our bodies as a living sacrifice and should live a life of holiness. Should we feel obligated to offer such a grain offering (i.e., living a holy life)? Why or why not?



Part Three

1. What is the difference between the peace offering and the burnt and grain offerings?

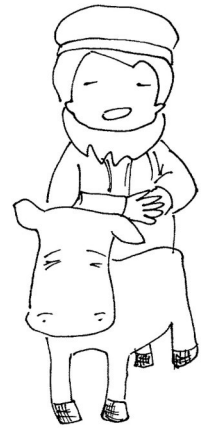
2. Is offering tithes considering a peace offering? What is the equivalent of a peace offering today?



Part Four

1. What is God trying to teach the Israelites, in demanding that they make a sin offering whenever they commit a sin against Him?

2. What should we do today if we sin against God?

**Part Five**

1. When a man stole something from his neighbor, he had to pay back what he stole as well as an additional 20% of what was stolen. This seems pretty fair, but on top of that, he had to make a burnt offering to the Lord as a trespass offering. Why did he need to offer something to the Lord? Wasn't repaying his neighbor already enough?

2. What should we do if we have transgressed against a classmate?



Sandy's Offerings

In each of the following short scenarios, please discuss and help Sister Sandy decide what to do based on what you have learned today about the various offerings.

Scenario 1

Sister Sandy's 12th birthday just passed last week. She was very excited because she had finally started receiving allowance money from her parents. Her parents had agreed that once she turned 12, she'd be old enough to start handling money. They would give her the allowance on the first day of each month, and she would be responsible for her own expenses until the end of each month. She would also be responsible for tithing from her allowance every week when she attended RE class.



With her new allowance, Sandy was finally able to buy an item that she had wanted for a really long time. Her parents had never bought it for her, considering it a waste of money, but now that Sandy had full control over her own allowance, there was no one stopping her from getting it for herself. However, there was one problem: the item would cost her entire first month of allowance money, and she had promised that she would be responsible for giving her tithe every week at RE.

Today in class, uncertain about what she should do, Sandy approaches you and asks, "Is it okay if I purchase the item, and then just offer double tithe next month to make up for this month?"

How would you answer her based on what you have learned about the burnt offering?

Scenario 2

Thank God Sister Sandy listened to your suggestion and agreed that she should put God first before her own enjoyment. Sandy decided to make her tithe offering to the Lord first, and put her personal purchase on hold.

With extra pocket money to spend, Sandy constantly thought about what she could spend her money on. Recently, she noticed that there was a band popular among her school friends. They were always listening to the band's CD. In fact, she also noticed that the band's most popular song was played on the radio a lot. The first time she heard their song, she actually turned off the radio, because the provocative sounds and the bad words made her too uncomfortable to listen to it. However, as the radio continued to play it over and over again, she started to listen to it a little more, and she realized the melody was actually pretty catchy. She began to like the song, and she was no longer bothered by the occasional bad words.



Now, with money to spend, she is wondering if she should go and purchase the CD so that she can listen to it whenever she wants. But she also knows that if her parents find out that she bought this particular CD, they will be angry with her.

What would you tell her about her listening habits based on what you have learned about the grain offering?

Scenario 3

Thank God, Sandy once again listened to your suggestion and decided not to buy the CD. In fact, she made up her mind to avoid indulging in worldly music, and instead tried to fill herself with the word of God and cultivate the Holy Spirit. So, Sandy started to read the Bible and pray every day. After a while, she realized how wonderful it was to be immersed in the word of God and to draw close to Him. She found that since starting these habits, she hadn't really felt any desire to buy anything.



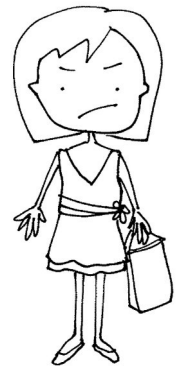
With the Spiritual Convocation coming up, she comes to you and asks you a third question. She asks if she can make extra offerings to God on top of the tithe that she already offers, because she really feels the love of God in her life, and feels His abidance wherever she goes. She is very thankful to God for His care and His blessings, so she wants to offer more to the Lord.

What can you tell her about an offering of thanksgiving based on what you have learned about the peace offering?

Scenario 4

Sister Sandy listened to your suggestion and began to prepare her heart so that she could have a mentality pleasing to God when she made her thanksgiving offering on the last day of Spiritual Convocation.

The Spiritual Convocation finally arrived and Sister Sandy was very excited about making the thanksgiving offering that she had been preparing for. During the Holy Communion sermon, the preacher reminded everyone to examine themselves before partaking of the bread and the cup. After Sandy heard that message, she began to examine herself, and then suddenly remembered doing something that was not glorifying to the Lord. Earlier that morning while preparing for church, she decided to wear the prettiest dress that she had, but when they were about to leave, her mother told her to change into something more formal, because it looked like a party dress and was not fit for Holy Communion. Because of this, Sandy got very angry with her mother and refused to speak to her, even until now. Thinking back, Sandy was glad that she hadn't worn it to church, because if she had done so, everyone around her probably would have looked at her strangely. Sandy now understood that it was really for her own good that her mother had forced her to change, and she now felt sorry for being so rude to her and refusing to speak to her.



What should Sandy do now? (Hint: Remember the trespass offering.)

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Bible Reading: Please put a check mark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

Prayer: Please put a check mark in the space on the days you prayed to God.

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(1 Chronicles 29:14)**

True or False

1. People may go to the priest and offer a peace offering any time they want. _____
2. People should offer a sin offering when they have cheated their neighbor out of some money. _____

Multiple Choice

3. _____ : What happened to the animal that was to be offered as a burnt offering?
 a. It was burnt in fire b. It was boiled in water c. It was given to the poor to eat
4. _____ : What kind of flour should be offered as a grain offering?
 a. White flour b. Brown flour c. Fine flour
5. _____ : When a person is very thankful for something that God has given and wants to offer something in thanksgiving, what kind offering should they give?
 a. Peace offering b. Sin offering c. Trespass offering
6. _____ : If a person stole something from his neighbor, but then later regretted it and returned what was stolen, what offering should he make to the Lord?
 a. Peace offering b. Sin offering c. Trespass offering
7. _____ : If a person swears in the name of the Lord in vain, and later feels guilty about it, what offering should he make to ask God for forgiveness?
 a. Peace offering b. Sin offering c. Trespass offering

Short Answer

8. Which of the offerings is most beautiful and most pleasing to the Lord, and why?