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From late October until February we will be studying from *Offerings & Sacrifices a Bible study on the book of Leviticus*. When we first think of Leviticus laws and animal sacrifices come to mind. Because of this it's not a commonly used book of the Bible but it does not mean we can't learn from it. Leviticus is basically about preparing oneself for worship and the importance of communing with God. This lesson is a primer for Offerings & Sacrifices before diving deeper and picking out a few lessons when we study Leviticus.

1} According to Merriam-Webster dictionary there are a variety of definitions for worship. Some of them do not apply (British officials and idol like objects) but two of them do. *1) reverence offered a divine being or supernatural power; also: an act of expressing such reverence. 2) a form of religious practice with its creed and ritual.*

What is worship to you and what is an example of a practice or ritual that express this worship?

2} When the Lord lead the Israelites out of slavery and Egypt what declaration was made for them to follow?

**Exodus 20:1-6**

3} It's easy to state that the world is following other gods but is it possible for people in the church to do the same thing? What possible "idols" can a Christian have that would displease God?

4} Even in perfection or Heaven there is worship of God. It's not just something for us humans to do in a sinful world. Read the scripture below when John received a vision of Heaven and what some of the beings were doing there?

**Revelation 4:8-10**

5} When conversing with the woman at the well, what did Jesus say about those who will worship God?

**John 4:19-24**

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6) Worship isn't just about doing whatever we might feel like doing and God is forced to accept. There is order to what God wants and desires. It affects our lives not only in church but in the tasks that God gives us. There's a passage in the Bible regarding Samuel conveying a message to the first King of Israel, Saul. What command did God have for Saul?

**1 Samuel 15:1-3**

7) What action did Saul take?

**1 Samuel 15:7-9**

8) God was displeased with Saul's actions and sent Samuel to confront the King. Samuel saw the animals and knew that Saul had disobeyed. During the confrontation Saul had given two excuses for his behavior what were they?

**1 Samuel 15:13-21**

9) Samuel's words to Saul is sobering when it comes to worship and obedience. What did he have to say to Saul and action or behavior is comparable to disobedience?

**1 Samuel 15:22-23**

10) The lesson from Saul is why it's so important to prepare oneself for worship and communing with God. From Saul's point of view, giving the Lord, the best would be a great idea but it didn't fit what God wanted. What encouraging words did Paul and Peter give to the church that applies to us today?

**Romans 12:1-2, 1 Peter 1:14-16**

11) Ultimately preparing ourselves for worship is important because God desires it for our lives. In Leviticus what did the Lord tell His people to do and why?

**Leviticus 19:1-2**

Let's start this journey together for the Lord so we can be the leaders and examples to His people in worship.

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