



Sermon Discussion Guide for Groups

“Leviticus 1”

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Summary

Have someone in your group read the following summary aloud.

Pastor Daniel walks through the first seven chapters of Leviticus, explaining the five offerings God instituted for His people: the burnt offering (total surrender), the grain offering (gratitude for provision), the peace offering (fellowship and communion), the sin offering (purification and atonement), and the guilt offering (restitution and repair). These offerings form a theology of nearness to God and peace among His people. Pastor Daniel emphasizes that Jesus fulfilled all five offerings perfectly through His life and sacrifice on the cross, making a way for us to be made perfect in Him. The message calls believers to total surrender, gratitude, community, repentance, and restoration in relationships.

Key Passages

- Leviticus 1:1-9
- Romans 12:1
- 2 Chronicles 7:14
- Revelation 3:15-16

Opening Prayer

Open your session in prayer, using the words below or your own
Heavenly Father, we come before You today with open hearts and minds, ready to receive what You have for us in this time together. We ask that You quiet the distractions and concerns of our daily lives and help us to focus on You and Your Word. Lord, we pray that You would speak to each person in this group according to their specific needs and circumstances. Open our hearts to hear from You and give us the courage to apply what we learn to our lives. We ask for Your Holy Spirit to guide our discussion and draw us closer to You and to one another. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen**.

Getting Going

Allow time for each member to answer the following questions before moving on.

What's one tradition or ritual from your childhood (family dinner, holiday celebration, bedtime routine, etc.) that you remember fondly and why was it meaningful to you?

Discussion Questions

Answer as many of these questions as time and interest allow.

1. Pastor Daniel described the five offerings as 'proximity training for dwelling with God.' What does it mean to you to dwell in God's presence, and how do you cultivate that in your daily life?
2. The first offering was about total surrender. What areas of your life do you find most difficult to surrender completely to God, and why?
3. How does expressing gratitude to God (like the grain offering) change your perspective on daily challenges and blessings?
4. The peace offering emphasized fellowship and communion within the community of God. How has being part of a faith community impacted your spiritual journey?
5. Pastor Daniel mentioned that sin is never just vertical; sin is also horizontal. How have you seen sin affect relationships, and what steps can we take to repair damaged relationships?

6. The message emphasized that God wants to 'heal our land' through the prayers of His people. What specific things are you praying for regarding healing in our community and nation?
7. Pastor Daniel challenged us to prepare our hearts for eternity with people we currently have difficulty with. What steps can you take this week to move toward forgiveness or reconciliation with someone?

Making It Personal

Take the opportunity noted below to apply this week's sermon to your everyday life

This week, identify one relationship in your life that needs repair or restoration. Take a concrete step toward healing - whether that's making a phone call, writing a letter, offering an apology, or simply beginning to pray blessings over that person. Remember that restitution often requires going beyond just saying sorry; it may involve making things right in practical ways.

Key Takeaways

Commit to memory one point from the message before you dismiss.

- The five Levitical offerings teach us about total surrender, gratitude, fellowship, cleansing, and restoration - forming a complete theology of nearness to God.

- God desires both vertical relationship with Him and horizontal peace among His people - sin affects both dimensions.
- Jesus perfectly fulfilled all five offerings through His life and sacrifice, making a way for us to be made right with God.
- True worship involves offering our bodies as living sacrifices - going all in with God rather than living lukewarm.
- Healing in our land comes through God's people humbling themselves, praying, seeking His face, and turning from wickedness.

Closing Prayer

Have someone from your group close your time in prayer, using the words below or your own.

Lord Jesus, thank You for being the perfect fulfillment of every offering and sacrifice. Thank You that through Your death and resurrection, we can approach God with confidence and live in peace with one another. As we leave this time together, help us to live as living sacrifices - surrendered completely to You, grateful for Your provision, committed to fellowship with other believers, seeking cleansing from sin, and working toward restoration in our relationships. Give us courage to take the steps You're calling us to take this week, especially in areas of forgiveness and reconciliation. May our lives be a sweet aroma pleasing to You. In Your precious name we pray, **Amen**.