

Why Do We Give?

LEVITICUS 1-3

DISCOVERING THE WORD

Typically, we do not think of our offerings as holy. We think about them as our personal giving. But what makes an offering to the LORD different than money given to another organization or cause that is not connected to Jesus Christ? One major distinction is that giving to the Kingdom of God is not merely physical but also spiritual. Also notice that while many believe that giving gifts originated with human beings, it was actually God who first gave to us. Jesus Christ was an unsolicited gift from God which we never asked for, but we required. Adam and Eve disobeyed God's instructions in the Garden of Eden, which moved us into sin that clearly leads us to death. But Christ was God's offering for our sins. So the origin of our giving comes from God who first gave to us. This is important for us to remember and should motivate us to give to God!

DISCOVERING GOD – LEVITICUS 2:1-6

- 1 -

Offerings to God were a personal and specific set of procedures for the Israelites. The LORD keeps us focused and clear on why and who we are giving to.

(v. 1-2)

- 2 -

The offerings made to the LORD are holy offerings. When we give to God, it is not just a physical action, we are engaging in a spiritual procedure.

(v. 3)

- 3 -

Israelite offerings were specifically instructed. God gives us reasons we are to make offerings to His Kingdom, we should remember them.

(v. 4-6)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

The offerings we give to God are from our heart to His. We need to remember that giving is not only a wonderful act it also has a spiritual dimension to it. When we give to God's Kingdom, we are doing what is right spiritually.

TODAY'S PRAYER

**LORD, HELP ME TO LIVE
AND DO WHAT IS IN LINE
WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT.**

God Is Looking

PSALMS 14-17

DISCOVERING THE WORD

There are times when God looks for those who follow His ways. He searches for those who know who He is and what He has done and will soon do in the future. The sale of Bibles in the United States of America has recently spiked. In 2024, and so far in 2025, there are many who have made a financial investment in the Word of God. But the question is: Will they read the Bible and know it? There are a lot of people who say that they love the Bible but admit they do not read it. I wonder how many know what the Word of God tells them about who God is and what He has done, let alone what God is doing now and what will happen in the future? Our Bible Discovery ministry is all about the Bible. Each year, we spend time reading and searching the Scriptures to hear and learn what the Holy Spirit has said. And when we pay attention, the LORD speaks into our hearts and enlightens our spirits to hear Him.

DISCOVERING GOD — PSALM 14:1-7

— 1 —

Good comes exclusively from God. To know the LORD is to know what He has said and why. Jesus Christ is our life rescue.

(v. 1)

— 2 —

No one can claim righteousness apart from what is given through faith in Christ Jesus. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good.

(v. 2-3)

— 3 —

The LORD is the refuge of His people, but frustrates the plans of all who choose against Him. We should seek the LORD at all times.

(v. 4-7)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

When we realize that God is our Maker and our Heavenly Father, we become people committed to peace and begin to care for others. If we do not seek the essence of God, we are people without a vision and we will perish.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, HELP ME TO SEEK YOU AT ALL TIMES. DO NOT LET ME FALL INTO MY OWN PATTERNS.

Being Responsible

LEVITICUS 4-7

DISCOVERING THE WORD

Growing up in a big city can bring big problems with it. Society in urban areas is uniquely different than it is in rural areas. The difference is not so much in the surrounding elements as it is in the people living so close to each other. The Bible tells us that God's people are responsible for what they see and hear. We cannot simply live our lives and remain quiet. In other words, if we see something going wrong we should speak up about it. For example, if we witness a crime or see a serious violation of the law we should say something to the authorities. This past year, there was a man who was taken to court for stepping in and stopping a potentially serious crime. The claims were against him but he had simply stopped the perpetrator from striking a woman with her children. Let's remember that the Bible still speaks to us in this present time about the surroundings in which we live in. God's Word is always relevant!

DISCOVERING GOD – LEVITICUS 5:1-6

- 1 -

Guilt comes when we know of an evil deed and say nothing. We serve the LORD well when we protect people from the violations of evil.

(v. 1)

- 2 -

What we handle in this life brings consequences. We must live our lives to follow Christ; God's Holy Spirit will help and teach us along the way.

(v. 2-3)

- 3 -

Words that are hastily and unwisely spoken are careless. We should choose to speak careful and truthful words, free from overstatement.

(v. 4-6)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

Culture today seems to entertain itself with words. Yet the Bible tells us that we are to be responsible not only for what we say and how we say it, but also to be faithful to follow through on what we say. Let's be careful then with our words and tone.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, HELP ME TO KEEP MYSELF IN CHECK WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT— TO SPEAK AND LIVE AS A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.

The LORD's Presence

LEVITICUS 8-10

DISCOVERING THE WORD

As Moses and the children of Israel wandered through the wilderness they understood that the presence of the LORD God was costly. Offerings were directed and commanded by God to be given before the LORD would ever come into their presence. There was a personal and communal cost to the presence of God. On this side of the cross, we can enjoy the presence of the LORD when we come to Jesus Christ and choose to follow Him as Lord. As the Lord of our life, God's Holy Spirit comes into our heart and begins to change the way we live. Reading the Bible we see the physical cost to the presence of the LORD and we ultimately see how that Jesus Christ paid that cost, and through His atonement we receive the glory of the LORD by faith (**JOHN 17:22-24, ROMANS 8:30, 1 PETER 1:7**). The presence of God is real and effective when we come to Christ and give Him our lives to follow Him (**2 CORINTHIANS 4:17, 1 PETER 5:10**). Reading the way God originally spoke to the ancient people of Israel helps us understand the true meaning of the LORD's presence.

DISCOVERING GOD — LEVITICUS 9:1-11

— 1 —

God's appearance was costly. Today we come to the presence of God through faith acknowledging Jesus Christ as LORD.

(v. 1-4)

— 2 —

The priests were also required to make an offering for themselves. The Head of the Church is Jesus Christ, He alone is holy.

(v. 5-8)

— 3 —

Fire from the altar was the way sacrifices were burned. God's perfect sacrifice was Jesus Christ; through Christ alone, can we come to God.

(v. 9-11)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (**JOHN 14:6**). The only way to truly know God is through faith in Jesus Christ. Come to Christ today.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, I WANT TO KNOW
YOU THE ONE TRUE GOD.
I GIVE MY LIFE TO JESUS
CHRIST TODAY.

The Priests

LEVITICUS 11-13

DISCOVERING THE WORD

God's instructions to Moses and Aaron about physical impurities pointed to the holiness of God and the necessity of purity in every part of our relationship with Him. In order for the people of God to enter the Tabernacle where they would worship and fellowship with Him, their bodies had to be free from disease. It was the priests who were to diagnose a sick person and isolate them if necessary. It's interesting to note here that the merciful grace of God provided a way for the restoration of the isolated one after they were healed—they could come back into their community. In our study today we will read about the way the priests were to make diagnoses on the people from the instructions given by God. The LORD is deeply concerned about our physical as well as our spiritual bodies. We should always pray before we go to the doctor and ask the LORD to give them His wisdom when examining us.

DISCOVERING GOD — LEVITICUS 13:1-8

— 1 —

The priests were assigned the task of examining God's people. God has His people everywhere today. We are called to know the LORD and spend time with Him.

(v. 1-3)

— 2 —

God handles our problems through time. We learn patience and trust in God by serving and knowing that He does not work on our schedules but on His.

(v. 4-5)

— 3 —

The priest was called to pronounce the verdict on the life of the afflicted person. God brings healing to our heart, soul, and spirit, as we spend time and seek Him. (v. 6-8)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

God always heals and helps those who truly seek Him with all their heart. Sin is ugly and awful, but it is temporary. Believers in Jesus Christ will live forever. Physically we will transition into eternity, but spiritually we will never be alone.

TODAY'S PRAYER

**LORD, I NEED YOUR HELP
IN MY LIFE. PLEASE HEAL
MY HEART AND SOUL.**

God's Presence

LEVITICUS 14-16

DISCOVERING THE WORD

There are many who have not learned the truth about God's presence. The Holy Spirit dwells within us. In Hebrew that means He tabernacles within us. In other words, we are the tabernacle, and the Holy Spirit sits on the mercy seat of our hearts—the Holy of Holies. That is where our High Priest, Jesus Christ, presides day and night before God. But to make this happen, there was a cost, a sacrifice. Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, was that sacrifice. He paid the cost of sin once and for all. God chose to come in the flesh, into the presence of sinful mankind to demonstrate His real presence and make atonement for the sins of all who would by faith believe in Him. This is a fascinating! Christ died and gave Himself as a perfect sacrifice on the cross and rose again in the flesh on the third day. God's presence is powerful and when we accept Jesus Christ as LORD and invite Him into our lives, He lives inside of us. As we study through the book of Leviticus, we learn that God's holy presence was not something that should ever be taken for granted. We must recognize the miracle God has provided through Jesus Christ.

DISCOVERING GOD — LEVITICUS 16:1-10

— 1 —

The holiness of God was lethal to disobedient and unholly worship. The LORD Jesus Christ has brought peace during this time of grace. It will soon come to an end. (v. 1-2)

— 2 —

Strict requirements were to be followed by the high priest for the sin offering and the burnt offering. Jesus Christ was the perfect offering given by God for the time of grace we are now living in. (v. 3-5)

— 3 —

Jesus Christ concluded the offering of animals. God completely accepts those who choose to follow Christ. We should accept Him into our lives to make us holy to God. (v. 6-10)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

If it were not for the saving grace of the LORD Jesus Christ through His sacrificial death as the perfect offering, we would all be consumed by our sin in death. Yet, while we were still sinners God loved us and sent His Son. Now we can have forgiveness and eternal life with Him. Come to Christ today.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE IN MY LIFE. I LOVE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE.

Worship Only God

LEVITICUS 17-19

DISCOVERING THE WORD

The first commandment of the ten tells us: “And God spoke all these words, saying: ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me’” (EXODUS 20:1-3). The very first commandment was positioned to emphasize the importance of worshipping only God. This is key for us to understand how to please God. In the time in which we now live, there are many things that people worship, things that we make with our hands, that we make with our minds, or things that we see around us. But the essence of right worship is worshipping God alone in Spirit and in Truth (JOHN 4:23-24). Our study of Leviticus 17 today brings attention to the LORD’s laws that call His people to live holy lives before a holy God. And yet, although He is set apart—holy, holy, holy—He is also personal. The Scripture begins: “And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,” (LEVITICUS 17:1). In other words, the LORD spoke to Moses directly, as He would a friend (EXODUS 33:11). God is very serious about His commands because they keep us from failing and falling.

DISCOVERING GOD — LEVITICUS 17:1-9

— 1 —

There was a cost positioned on the one who made casual sacrifices of animals. We must pay attention to how we worship the LORD Jesus Christ.

(v. 1-4)

— 2 —

Offerings were required by God to come to Him at His Tabernacle. It is Christ Jesus that we praise and thank for shifting God’s judgment away from us. Come to Him today.

(v. 5-6)

— 3 —

The children of Israel were commanded to worship only God. The worship of Christ followers is unique and different than any other religion.

(v. 7-9)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

In our excitement and joy as Christians we need to keep our focus in worship. We worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: One God in Three Persons. We do not worship anyone or anything else. Period.

TODAY'S PRAYER

**LORD, I LOVE YOU AND
WORSHIP ONLY YOU.**

Serving God

LEVITICUS 20-22

DISCOVERING THE WORD

When we come to the LORD, being convinced by faith of what Christ has done for us and convicted by faith of our sins, the presence of His Holy Spirit begins to shift our thinking in a real way. One aspect of our thinking that changes is how we understand deception. In more ways than just political propaganda or self-preservation, but spiritual lies and trickery that come from the evil one, the enemy of our soul. Deuteronomy 13 warns about false prophets or apostates: “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” (DEUTERONOMY 13:1-3) We would do well to listen to the Spirit of God, for the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus Christ (REVELATION 19:10).

DISCOVERING GOD — LEVITICUS 20:1-8

— 1 —

The penalty of death was for those who worshipped other gods. Christians follow Christ alone and do not worship other gods.

(v. 1-3)

— 2 —

God’s people are commanded to worship only God. God’s people should never be casual in their exclusive worship of the LORD Jesus Christ.

(v. 4-5)

— 3 —

There is a vast difference between those who worship the One true God and those who do not. The separation of those who worship Christ and those who do not is vast and different. (v. 6-8)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

It is important for those who follow Christ to learn and understand the importance of keeping our worship exclusively on the LORD Jesus. We serve One God, we have provision from One God, and we have eternal life from One God: the LORD Jesus Christ.

TODAY’S PRAYER

**LORD, I LOVE YOU AND
NEED TO KEEP MY MIND
ON YOU ALL THE TIME.**

The Heavens

PSALMS 18-19

DISCOVERING THE WORD

When we look up and see the sky, perhaps even gazing through a telescope, we are peering into the handiwork of God. It is amazing! Time, chance, and random accidents did not create everything in the universe. It did not create order out of itself. It is God who made everything and has stretched it out before the eyes of every living soul. To believe that the earth and sky and all that is in it somehow came about through time and chance is like believing that a pocket watch could be created by wind stirring up dust particles to form metal parts and intricate mechanisms that not only function but display time. The simple reality is that where you have design, you require a designer. The same goes for the spiritual: in the way the structures of the physical universe are specifically formed and catered to allow human life and flourishing, you need a designer for all the transcendentals, dimensions, and principles of the spiritual world, as well. Psalm 19, written by King David to the Chief Musician, speaks directly to this fact.

DISCOVERING GOD — PSALM 19:1-14

— 1 —

God speaks to everyone, everywhere, in every language. No one is without excuse; everyone knows that God exists.
(v. 1-3)

— 2 —

God gives us great reward when we set our lives to seek and follow Him. To follow Christ means we seek God to change our lives to live as He commands.
(v. 4-11)

— 3 —

May the words we speak and the thoughts of our heart be acceptable to God. Followers of Christ work to shift their thinking from human to divine, through the power of the Holy Spirit. (v. 12-14)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

When we read and meditate on the Psalms, we focus on God's way of thinking. That is, we begin to think like Christ. When we see nature, we see the laws of God. When we see the sky, we praise His name! His majesty inspires awe and wonder with everything He has created.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORD! I NEED TO READ THE PSALMS AND MEDITATE ON YOUR LOVE AND LAW.

Celebrations

LEVITICUS 23–25

DISCOVERING THE WORD

God knew when He proclaimed His law to the people of Israel that He would also set aside sacred feasts and celebrations to not only help them remember His acts of creation, protection, deliverance, and provision, but to also give them a rest from their everyday lives. Our study today of Leviticus 23 includes the feasts the LORD had set aside as holy days. It is interesting to note, here, that the expression “holy convocations” or “sacred assemblies” is mentioned 11 times in chapter 23 alone. One of the first feasts featured on this list is the Sabbath. It is the only holy day that is commanded in the Ten Commandments and the only command that is grounded in creation (**EXODUS 20:11**). The Hebrew verb *shavath* means, “to rest or to cease,” and is the root on which the English word “Sabbath” was formed. Remember that Jesus said He is “Lord of the Sabbath” (**MATTHEW 12:8**), and that “it is lawful to do what is good on the Sabbath” (**MATTHEW 12:12**).

DISCOVERING GOD — LEVITICUS 23:1–8

– 1 –

God told the people of Israel they should do work for six days but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest. God rested from His work on the seventh day of creation. (v. 1–3)

– 2 –

God told the people of Israel to remember how they came out of Egypt. We do well to remember who we are in Christ Jesus, and how He has freed us from our sin. (v. 4–6)

– 3 –

Offerings were required for Israel to remember the LORD. Giving is an act of worship! We worship well when we give to God’s Kingdom. (v. 7–8)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

When we give to God cheerfully from the abundance of our hearts, the LORD opens our lives to His miracles and provision. When we give to God in this way, we are giving to His Kingdom.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE GIVEN ME. HELP ME LEARN HOW TO GIVE CHEERFULLY INTO YOUR KINGDOM.

Dedicated to the LORD

LEVITICUS 26–27

DISCOVERING THE WORD

Here we read that the priest had to make personal judgments about the value and quality of different things dedicated to the LORD, whether that was food, land, or animals. We also read that people were dedicated to God, such as when Hannah gave her young son Samuel to the High Priest Eli (1 SAMUEL 1:11). The LORD made provisions for these types of dedications. In ancient times, this was normal. The Nazirites made holy vows dedicated to God (NUMBERS 6, JUDGES 13). This practice was not restricted to just Israel: other nations often gave their firstborn children, and sometimes themselves, to the god they worshipped. As Israel was emerging from ancient Egypt, they would have been familiar with these customs. God moved in and instructed Moses how to deal with this kind of ancient custom. This is what Leviticus 27 is alluding to when God instructs Moses on the assessment of the people depending on their gender and age. It is interesting that these assessments do not consider if the person is sick or prone to sickness—a stunning deviation from the regular procedures for dedication in other religions of the ancient world.

DISCOVERING GOD — LEVITICUS 27:1–8

– 1 –

The value of an individual is not what they make but who they are. We must carefully consider our vows to God and not take them lightly.

(v. 1–3)

– 2 –

God placed a value on people according to their given authority. We are all people with free will, but our roles are different in God's eyes.

(v. 4–7)

– 3 –

There were times when the priests were involved in valuations for God's work. We must work on God's Kingdom together, not individually.

(v. 8)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

The LORD sees our life differently than we understand it. God understands why He made us and how we can best serve Him. We must seek His mind and His way of working out our ability to build His Kingdom.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, HELP ME TO UNDERSTAND HOW YOU SEE ME AND THOSE AROUND ME.

The Camp

NUMBERS 1-3

DISCOVERING THE WORD

The way in which the tribes of Israel were organized around the tent Tabernacle—the center of the camp—was very strategic. The reason the book is called Numbers is because it is based on two military censuses that happen in chapters 1 and 26. Chapter 1 is the first census and consecration of Israel. Chapter 26 is the second census and the preparation of the new generation to enter into the Promised Land. Numbers is also called the book of wanderings—the first census taking place at Mount Sinai and the second at Mount Moab. The placement of the tribes of the nation of Israel was critical and unique. The first tribe to move was the tribe of Judah, followed by the tribes of Issachar and then Zebulun, on the east side of the Tabernacle. The tribe of Reuben was to camp on the south side, along with the tribes of Simeon and Gad. The tribe of Ephraim, then, was to camp on the west side, along with the tribes of Manasseh and Benjamin. Finally, on the north side was the tribes of Dan, Asher, and Naphtali.

DISCOVERING GOD — NUMBERS 2:1-9

— 1 —

God told Moses that the families were to camp under their own banner.

God calls families and groups of families to build and defend His Kingdom.

(v. 1-4)

— 2 —

God called each family with unique talents and abilities for His Kingdom.

Still today, we are called in unique ways to build God's Kingdom and defend it.

(v. 5-6)

— 3 —

Every call is serious and important. We must never seek to imitate anyone, but to strive for the Kingdom of God.

(v. 7-9)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

The Church of the LORD Jesus Christ is to meet the challenge of whatever community it is in. God has given unique gifts and abilities to each church around the world so that it can build the Kingdom of God where it is. Every church is original.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, I NEED TO LISTEN TO YOUR HOLY SPIRIT ABOUT THE CHURCHES IN MY COMMUNITY.

The Sacred Articles

NUMBERS 4-6

DISCOVERING THE WORD

God had anointed the Tabernacle or Tent of Meeting as holy. Today as we study Numbers 4, we will read about the specific instructions given by the LORD through Moses and Aaron to the Levites, who were the selected tribe set apart by God to move and handle the holy items and to systematically move the Tabernacle. The Levites became professionals at this, of course, having moved the Tabernacle and all its sacred articles for forty years in the wilderness; roughly 29 times according to Numbers 33. Today, on this side of the cross, we know that people who dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ are anointed and separated by God, and is now where the Presence of God lives. We are God's Tabernacle. So, in a similar way, we are God's sacred people called to move only when permission from the LORD is given. Each of us has sacred gifts which God has given us, and we should be very careful to take care of them and use them as He directs.

DISCOVERING GOD — NUMBERS 4:1-10

— 1 —

The Kohathites were selected to move the most holy things. God calls us today to honour His holiness.

(v. 1-4)

— 2 —

The Ark of the Testimony was to be covered before moving. We need to honour God by honouring His work in our lives—do things His way and not our way.

(v. 5-6)

— 3 —

Specific instructions were to be followed in preparation to move the sacred items.

We should pay attention to God's careful work in and around us.

(v. 7-10)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

Ekklesia is a Greek word defined as a 'called assembly or congregation'. It is a group of people who have given their lives to Jesus Christ, and is honoured and recognized by God. Churches are not institutions derived from man or his governments, they are instituted by God Himself. Together as the body of Christ.

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, I PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH TO RETURN TO YOU AND BE TRUE AND REAL.

The Passover Problem

NUMBERS 7-9

DISCOVERING THE WORD

Our study of Numbers 9 today covers the Passover observed and celebrated as a feast to the LORD, after they had come out of the land of Egypt. The children of Israel were to keep the Passover at its appointed day and time. However, there were certain men who could not celebrate Passover on that day because they had been defiled or made unclean by a human corpse. How would Moses clear up this problem? Moses told the men to wait while he questioned the LORD for them—this is how we should clear up our problems in the Church today. God's answer was that they could still keep the LORD's Passover one month later, in the second month. The LORD is not looking to bind us in situations that we have no control over, but God does want us to communicate with Him. Praying is carving out space in our day to spend time with the LORD to focus our minds to hear Him and ask God for His direction and help.

DISCOVERING GOD — NUMBERS 9:1-11

— 1 —

At God's direction, Moses put into practice the celebration of the Passover.

God calls us to fulfill His covenants. The Passover was about remembering God's deliverance. (v. 1-5)

— 2 —

Moses went to prayer to ask God about the conflict regarding the Passover.

We need to pray first and ask the LORD to help us with our conflicts and dealings, every day. (v. 6-8)

— 3 —

God answered Moses and gave him the solution.

God will answer our prayers, if we pray and ask Him.

(v. 9-11)

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH

The LORD does not leave us hanging to toy with us but He does answer according to His timing. Remember that when we pray, God answers our prayers in eternity. We should always be able to learn from the LORD and not close our mind to His possibilities!

TODAY'S PRAYER

LORD, INSTEAD OF MY SOLUTIONS, I PRAY FOR YOUR POSSIBILITIES IN MY LIFE.