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WARM UP

Do you remember a time when you had to give up something when you were younger? How did you feel after letting it go?

WORD

Read [Leviticus 6:8-13](#)

This is a portion of the law that was given to the people of Israel while they were on their way from Egypt to the promised land of Canaan; a portion where we hear about the sacrifices that were to be offered by the people and the priests as worship to God. Let's look at what significance these sacrifices would have for the Israelites and how we can learn of our relationship with God through them.

NOTES

1 Keep the Fires Burning

⁹This is the law of the burnt offering. The burnt offering shall be on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it...

¹³Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.

[Leviticus 6:9,13](#) (ESV)

The fire that would consume the burnt offering would be kept going all night, which is symbolic of the way God wanted us, as His children, to constantly be on fire for Him. But for that to happen, we must have our lives consumed by His purifying fire. His fire helps to keep us fervent and passionate, all whilst consuming the parts of our lives that are not pleasing to Him.

- On a scale of 1 to 10, how fervent or passionate are you towards God? Why would you pick this number?
- Are there any areas of your life you'd like to see God consume with His refining fire?

2 Pleasing Aroma

¹⁵And one shall take from it a handful of the fine flour of the grain offering and its oil and all the frankincense that is on the grain offering and burn this as its memorial portion on the altar, a pleasing aroma to the Lord.

[Leviticus 6:15](#) (ESV)

There aren't too many scents more tantalising than fragrance and hot bread baking. Grain makes bread, and bread is symbolic of the body, whilst frankincense was a very valuable fragrance. The sorts of sacrifices that were and still are a pleasing aroma to God are ones where we give ourselves and things we hold in highest regard.

- What do you hold in high regard that you might find hard to give over to God?
- Do you know someone whose life is a pleasing aroma to God? What does it look like?

3 No Leaven

¹⁷It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their portion of my food offerings. It is a thing most holy...

[Leviticus 6:17](#) (ESV)

God desires for our sacrifices to be holy, set apart purely for Him. If He is our God, then He should not share His glory with any other gods. He should be seen at the centre of every aspect of our hearts and lives. Jesus modelled what it means to live a holy life. He was in the world to change it, but did not succumb to the things of it. His Spirit lives in every believer as our Helper to help us live lives that bring God the ultimate glory He deserves.

- What are practical ways that you can set apart your life for God's glory?
- Are there areas in your life that have not been given over to God? Would you like to give them to Him today?

PRAYER

- Thank Jesus for his unquenchable love and for being the ultimate sacrifice to save us from the power of sin and death. Pray that we may live lives with purpose, meaning, and love.
- Pray for the grace to live your life being set apart for God's glory without compromise.
- If you're a follower of Jesus, pray for the boldness to go out of your zone of comfort to tell others about the love of Christ.
- Pray for your nation, that God's name would be the only name that matters.