

Sacrifice or Offering

1. Read Genesis 4:1-10
Why do you think God accepted Abel's offering? - read Hebrews 11:4 for answer.
Read Revelation 13:8
Who do you think the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world is?
Whose lamb was it? Read John 1:29&36. Whose offering, Abel's or Cain's, was most like that God had offered eternally and would offer at a time on the cross?
Do you think somehow Abel understood what God would do to take away the sin of the world?
2. Read Genesis 8:20-21
What was important about the beasts that Noah offered?
What was God's response? Has He kept His promise?
Do you think the offerings were a thanksgiving to God?
Read Leviticus 1:1-9 to read of another offering. What are the similarities?
Do you offer your thanksgiving of your own free will?
3. Read Leviticus 4:27-35 - it speaks of the sin offering for the common man. There are many types of sin, trespass offering etc. under the old covenant - this is just one. You can read the whole chapter if you like and also Leviticus 16.
Who do you think they all represent? Why was the blood sprinkled?
Read Hebrews 9:9-28 to see what Jesus' offering was like and a clue to why the blood was sprinkled. When the Priest took the offering in Leviticus was the person forgiven? What was the limitation of the old testament sacrifices? - read Hebrews 10:1-4. Can you find the answer to a pure conscience in Hebrews 9?
4. Read Hebrews 10:5-23 and Psalm 40:6-8 Who does the Psalm speak of?
Why did God not just want burnt offerings and sacrifices? - read Isaiah 29:13 for part of the answer, Hebrews 10:4 gives another part.
Do you think God wants to deal with sin more than we do?
Is the secret of giving an offering to God just to do His will like Jesus did?
5. Read Romans 12:1-2
What should we present (offer or make a gift of) to God?
Is this what Jesus did?(reasonable service could be translated acceptable worship)
What sort of sacrifice must they be? Why living sacrifice? - read Romans 8:36 for a clue. What sort of sacrifice is it? - read 1 Peter 2:5 and then Romans 8:9-10 to see why it is a living sacrifice.
6. Read Genesis 22 and read of Abraham's "sacrifice" of Isaac and see what God requires of us. Hebrews 11:17-19 may help you understand.
Who is the sacrifice Abraham spoke of that God would provide.