KEEPING IT 100

Leviticus 1 is about being 100% devoted to God because He is 100% devoted to you. The burnt offering grants a look at how God values wholehearted devotion from His people. This freewill offering required sinners to bring a male animal from their livestock to the temple and give the whole thing to the Lord (Lev. 1:3, 4). Bulls, sheep, goats, turtle-doves, and young pigeons were accepted (Lev. 1:5, 10, 14).

This was quite a demonstration of devotion since the offeror's family was dependent on these animals for food, clothing, tools, and weapons. Interestingly, the animal was to be slain on the “north side of the altar,” which was the side of the altar closest to God's throne (Lev. 1:11; Isa. 14:13). This meant the offeror put their wholehearted devotion on display before the King of kings Himself!

Some want God to have only limited control of their lives; they prefer that He have a more compartmentalized involvement. To describe it using a metaphor, they want Him to have access to a file on their desktop but not complete access to what they eat, watch, and listen to, whom they date and marry, how they spend their money, and on and on. Their devotion to God is limited to attending church and does not impact their day-to-day lifestyle. But God does not value “lukewarm” Christianity. In fact, it grosses him out! (Rev. 3:16). His character isn't lukewarm, and He will not accept it from His people. He wants us either cold or hot; 100% devoted or not at all. Perhaps nowhere in the entire Old Testament is this more emphatically communicated than in Leviticus 1 and the burnt offering. All is to be placed on the altar as an offering to God (Lev. 1:13).
Write out Leviticus 1 from the translation of your choice. If you’re pressed for time, write out Leviticus 1:10–13. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map it.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/ phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw Arrows to connect words/ phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse. Write it out multiple times to help memorization.

In what ways did the burnt offering point to God’s amazing devotion to humanity?

What are areas in your life that you need to give wholeheartedly to God and allow Him to remove or enhance for His glory?

Read more at www.inversebible.org/stw02-3
After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?

What questions emerge after studying this lesson? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

What is so significant about the fact that God Himself offered the very first burnt offering? What does this act reveal?

Read more at www.inversebible.org/stw02-4
What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Genesis 22:1–19
1 Peter 1:19; 2:24
Hebrews 13:15, 16
Ephesians 5:2
Luke 7:37–50
Romans 12:1, 2

What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Leviticus 1?

Review your memorized verse from Leviticus 1.
What is He saying to you through the texts of the week?

In what ways did Jesus show total commitment to us?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer Response:

Meditate on Leviticus 1 again and look for where Jesus is.

Read more at www.inversebible.org/stw02-6
Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of Leviticus 1, what can you learn about yourself?

What can be applied to everyone within your social circles?

Read more inSight from the Spirit of Prophecy at www.inversebible.org/stw02-7
Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

Where are areas in society that devotion is seen as inspiring? How about in the church?

How did the burnt offerings point to Jesus?

Although the burnt sacrifices ended with Jesus, what lessons can we learn from them today?

How complete is your commitment to God?

What are the areas in your life that need to be surrendered to Him?

How does Jesus’ sacrifice motivate your dedication to Him?

Does modern Christianity reflect God’s value of wholehearted commitment? How can your life personally answer this with a resounding yes?

In what ways can you make a whole offering to the Lord today?