

The Worship (Lev. 1:1-17)

Today's message is entitled the worship. Every week we give worship to God and worship is very important. Worship is so important because mankind is within curse. We have been saved all by his grace however, when we look at mankind they are all cursed. The curse is a spiritual problem. Without worship there is no way to resolve spiritual problems. Within worship contains faith and prayer. There are times where you may be stuck within a problem where you are unable to do anything. There are many times when people and testimonies state that within a dead end the only thing they can do is to look above. However, there is one thing that you can do in the midst of problems that make you feel like you are stuck in a dead end. That is to give worship and prayer. I do believe that God has purposely created worship and prayer for those circumstances and that is why worship and prayer is very important. When you give worship holding onto the covenant God's promises will become your reality. It's truly amazing. For God's promises are the words written in the bible to which it will take place upon your reality. All the forces of darkness will crumble and all your problems will be resolved in Christ. Also the bible records that when you simply give worship to God all of these works are bound to take place, it's truly outstanding. For the Jews, even in the present times they only keep the word of God by keeping the law and the commandments. They don't acknowledge Jesus Christ that is why the standard of keeping the commandments is following after what has taken place in the old testament. However, it is the Jews who have taken and seized the economy, culture, and all the intellectuals in the world. It's truly amazing what they can do. America is the most powerful nation however, anyone is able to acknowledge that the background of America is from the Jews. The Jews can only keep the commandments written in the old testament even in the present times. Because they do not believe in Jesus Christ they are weak and lacking when it comes to spiritual interpretation of God's word. However, works are taking place through them, it's truly amazing. Today's passage is regarding the laws of the burnt offering and it is one of the representative offerings that has been given to God. You must be able to carefully think of what worship is to you. You know of Christ and you know the gospel. What is bound to take place if you continuously hold to the covenant as you give worship to God? For the Jews they only know the commandments that they must abide by that has been written in the old testament and what they are doing right now is incorrect. They shouldn't merely give worship and pray to the Lord but truly with their sincere heart they should give worship and prayer to which answers are bound to take place. We must keep in our mind that it took two thousand years for the Jews for works to take place. That is why we must be able to hold to the covenant and give worship to God. Today we are taking a look at the first chapter of the book of Leviticus. Last week we took a look at the last chapter of the

book of Exodus. The conclusion of the book of Exodus is that the tabernacle was erected. God commands them on the first day of the first month you shall erect the tabernacle of the tent of meetings. God gave them the message that you must be able to start your life with this. On the night when they placed the blood on their doorpost they were liberated from Egypt and the work of Exodus arose to which they were able to build and complete the tabernacle. The content of the book of Leviticus explains what you must do in the tabernacle. The first offering that was given to God was the burnt offering in which they must burn all things and offer it to the Lord. The time of worship is the spiritual power and authority of God's children. Because they were able to give the offering to the Lord they surpassed life within the wilderness and they were never defeated by the wilderness. God allowed the Israelites to defeat the wilderness to the extent that God has given them the manna from above and the water from the rock. Nothing could be a problem to them in the time of wilderness because God provided them with the pillar of cloud and fire. If they had nothing to eat they would've had no choice but to starve to death in the wilderness. All of this is what's contained within the blood sacrifice that is why God commands His people to build the tabernacle. May you carefully think of what worship is to you. To be honest with you there are many things I want to share with you regarding worship. I thought that if I speak about worship to you it may offend you so even the elders would tell me not to speak of it. Worship begins as soon as the bell rings. May you come to church early, sit, and read the bible scripture so that you are able to fully understand what the sermon is about. This is the base of all basics. Don't just continuously seek after answers but rather restore worship first, especially Wednesday and Friday worship. Worship is very important as it is very serious. So you must carefully think and ponder on what worship is to you.

1. The Worship

Worship is the covenant in which you are able to enjoy. The worship itself is not the covenant. The content within the time of worship is for you to enjoy and that is the method. How important is it that when you sincerely give your heart to God during worship, He would give answers to you? It is not about worship that you just give to the Lord, but it is your sincere heart given to the Lord. When you do that, you will see the covenant to which you will hold onto. It is the book of the Exodus when you surpass the life of the wilderness as you hold on to this. It is only by the covenant by which you are able to surpass the wilderness, so you must surely hold to it during the time of worship. God already knew in advance that they must be able to build the tabernacle. If they did not do this, they would not have been able to survive the wilderness. God knew that they needed the tabernacle to be the place of worship, which is why He commanded them to build the tabernacle. The book of Leviticus explains all of the offerings that must be given to God which is worship. There are five types of

offerings that they gave as worship. The first offering that they gave to the Lord was the burnt offering in which they burned all of the parts of the body and offered it to the Lord. It signifies Jesus Christ who was able to burn his own body for the sake of the way to meet God to open through Him. Next is the peace offering. It is the offering that is given to God so that the relationship between Him and His people is at peace. Also, there is a peace offering in which there can be peace between the Lord and His people. Next, there is the guilt offering. If you had made a mistake, you would offer this to the Lord so that he would forgive you of that mistake. It is the grain offering in which they would give the very first harvest to the Lord and should be of fine flour. There are five types of offerings that I explained to you, but there are also four different methods of giving this to the Lord. Today's first offering was the burnt offering along with the food offering which is a pleasing aroma to the Lord. There is the drink offering in which they pour the offering and signifies devotion to the Lord. There is the wave offering during the time of Feast of Harvest in which they wave the offering to the Lord. Next is the contribution in which they uplift it to the Lord. They all have a spiritual meaning behind it. All of these types and methods of giving the offering to the Lord signified Christ. Today we are looking at the representative offering given to God and that is the burnt offering. It signified Jesus Christ who became the complete offering on our behalf. According to their circumstances, they would be able to give a herd, sheep, goat, turtledove, ro pigeon to the Lord. If you look at Verse 3-10 it states, "If his gift for a burnt offering is from the flock, from the sheep or goats, he shall bring a male without blemish." It signifies the body of Jesus Christ that has no sin and is flawless. Verse 4 states, "He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him." Verse 5 states that those that desire to receive the atonement must be the one to kill it before the Lord. The one that wants to receive forgiveness of sins before the Lord must kill the herd before the Lord. The one who offers the sacrificial offering before the Lord must kill the sheep before the Lord. It states that the priest shall bring the blood and throw the blood against the sides of the altar. Not only that but the one who is giving the sacrificial offering must cut up the pieces. He must flay the burnt offering for the Lord. The pieces of the body such as the entrails, legs, or head must be arranged. It is just merely in words to say that it is arranged, but they must cut it in pieces. With the knife, they needed to cut off all of the fats, entrails, and the legs. They must take out all that was inside the living animals. And the intestines? The stomach, intestines, and liver must be washed in water. With that alone, the priest would take this to the altar to burn to be a pleasing aroma to the Lord. The process of it is not so easy. However, it signifies the death of Jesus Christ and the sin that He has forgiven. And the process of the burnt offering is not so easy. But if anyone is able to give a burnt offering to the Lord, they will be deeply engraved within that. The Lord said not to use a knife to cut the pigeons or the turtle doves but rather

to bring their head on the altar and the blood shall be drained on the side of the altar. However, for cows, sheep, and goats, the Lord tells them to take out the intestines and organs. They need to peel the skin. The priest can't do that. The one who wants to give the sacrifice must do that. The Lord wanted His people to experience the true weight of Christ dying on the cross. So think about it. Are you capable of killing a sheep when it's bleeding? This is the sacrificial offering that signifies Christ on the cross. When I was in high school, I lived in the countryside. So, I went to the province of Masan which was nearby the city. During the holidays, they would send me back home so I could help my parents farm. When I came home, my mother was in front of a dead chicken. It was recently killed, so we were able to eat it. There could still be blood coming from the chicken, so my mother tells me to cut the head off the chicken. I couldn't look at it. I turned my head as I cut it, and I was drooling. This took place in high school, and I still remember it now. And it was a dead chicken. It wasn't even alive. But, just imagine that you are the Israelites giving the sacrificial offering to the Lord. This is worship. So, should you half-heartedly give worship? Worship is a serious matter. Worship is not a joke. Jesus did not die on the cross for no reason. And after all of this had taken place, everything was given to the Lord. Nothing went to waste. That is how they gave the burnt offering. During the Old Testament time when they were the ones who made the offering to the Lord, the Lord allowed them to go through this entire process because He wanted them to make the confession of faith that Jesus is the Christ. It was a message from God to them that He wanted them to experience the death of Jesus on the cross and, not only that, but also how severe their sins were. May you once again be able to meditate on Christ, hold on to Him as the covenant inside of your heart, and be thankful. If you say that you want to do this, of course, you can't do it in America. However, if you go to a different country, you can experience it.

2. God stated that the covenant is the answer.

In the second point, God stated that the covenant is the answer. God endlessly spoke about this, that the covenant is the answer. Why did God endlessly speak about it? It's because the people would not listen to Him and hold onto something else other than the covenant. The book of Exodus speaks about the tabernacle being erected, and the book of Leviticus speaks about the offering that is given to the Lord inside the tabernacle. If this content was living and active within the people, the wilderness would not have been so difficult. Rather, they were able to enjoy manna from above and water from the rocks. God said, "If you just simply do this, I will provide quail so that you are able to eat and also a pillar of clouds." That is the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Imagine that you were in the wilderness without navigation. You would be lost. At that time, there was no such thing as navigation. It was all by the work of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit that

they were led during the wilderness. It is the message in which God says, "If you are inside the covenant, I will be with you, and you will never perish." It is the promise of the Bible in which God says, "If you are inside the covenant, no one will be able to harm you, and you will win in every battle. Out of 100 fights, you will win 100. Even if you lose, you will win. The Red Sea will split in half, and the Jericho walls will crumble. Do not even try to fight. Just hold onto the covenant, and you will have victory." He says, "Do not even fight. Hold onto the covenant and surpass the wilderness. The covenant is conquest because, when you hold onto it, all will surrender to you." For the sake of this work, He has called you as the one who will remain, and you will live the life of the pilgrim. The Bible says that you must be able to live by the covenant. When you do so, you'll be able to live the life of the conqueror. The Lord says, "You must hold onto the covenant. You are not a Gentile. Do not seek after anything else. Simply seek after the covenant, My righteousness, and kingdom. Do not speak about anything else. Only hold onto the covenant which I have given to you. These are all the words contained in the Bible. If you are not living like this, may you repent and return to the Lord. Rightfully so, answers will not come because you do not have this as your priority. Enjoyment itself can never be done according to your heart, so when you simply hold to the covenant God will give you the time to enjoy his covenant. The Lord says that the covenant you desire to enjoy, I will permit for you to enjoy, that is the work I will do for you. You can never do it alone. During the time you are in, simply pray while holding onto the covenant and wait for the work I will do for you. It is the Bible that records God's request to us, if the time comes may you truly hold onto the covenant and stand as a sure witness. For those who are not living this life, may you repent before the Lord and repent. You do not have to listen to any other words, you just need to hold to the positive words God proclaims through the Bible. From the offset, this is the gospel. This is what the gospel is. All those who live this life live the life of conquest. Regardless of what it is, as long as the answers came to them, they lived a successful life. That is why you must be able to have faith in this. May you have true faith to the extent that all other words are cast away. This does not take place according to your hearts, so even in the time of night may you do this. May you really question, is this truly it for me? Even though I have countless problems I am facing, is the gospel truly my only answer? May you ask God, God is it right of me to do only the gospel even in the midst of what I am going through? May you really ask God, God is it truly all a spiritual problem? You must come to the answer if not, you have no choice but to be lost. You have no choice but to be in a pitiful state even as a child of God if you lose hold of this. If you are able to start doing this, you would have accumulated so many answers. To be honest, we have not been able to live that life. May you start anew today. Are you willing to do it? May you answer, are you able to do it? May you say amen out loud. We must be changed as well. God proclaimed that you must be

able to give the burned offering because he already knew that many people are unable to change as they are seized by Satan. Is it possible for you to even kill a living animal and offer it to the Lord? Are you able to skin all the livestock as well? That is not to the extent of it, you must be able to cut off all of the skin as well as the fats. You must be able to cut the legs, the neck, as well as the head and be able to chop it all into pieces. All the fats from the muscle must be arranged into pieces and offered to the Lord. To that extent, it is the death of Christ. That is the gospel. That is the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. In the present time, God just tells us to have faith in him, but in the past, they had to offer this in the morning and night. Do you truly believe that when you hold to the covenant, you will be able to surpass your life that is like the wilderness? Do you truly believe in this? If you truly believe may you say amen. Do you truly believe that it is the only answer for you to surpass the wilderness? You must believe in it if you don't what will happen? I'm sorry to say, but you will be at loss for God has already finished all things. In most cases, when we lose hold of this covenant, we have no choice but to have our eyes elsewhere and we begin to compare our lives with others and it may be well off compared to others, but this is incorrect. Your economy, health, and children might be better compared to others, but that is still incorrect. There are nonbelievers who live far better lives compared to yours, however, their life is incorrect. It is all in vain if it is incorrect. Later on, they will face their death. Of course, God will judge them, and they have no choice but to be at loss at that time. You must live an upright life, but you must not live an incorrect life. You must live according to the covenant. Especially for remnants and young adults, may you live by the covenant, and especially for the elders, may you also live by the covenant. When you come to uncover this, you have no choice but to go call in. You will possess the heart and mind to which you decide to give your entire life as a burnt offering to the Lord. From there, you will only desire to do God's work. We are truly thankful for this, that is why our lives are truly precious and we have no choice but to stay with God and desire to give our entire lives to God. We all know Romans 12:1 very well. "Appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." It is normal of you to be the rightful person before God when you have the yearning heart and desire to give yourself as a sacrificial offering and worship towards the Lord. May this amazing grace be upon us all. Do you desire this? Worship is very precious and valuable and we are truly thankful for it. It is a blessing to us. However, worship is a serious matter. May you never forget that. At least once a day, you must be able to give your all and sincere heart to the Lord for worship and prayer. I do believe that one worship you give a day will determine your entire life. I bless you in the name of the Lord that you will be overflowing with this blessing.