

Every Day with Jesus
An Invitation to Worship and Fellowship
Leviticus 1-16

When God established the nation of Israel, he gave to them the sacrificial system so that they would know that the only acceptable way to approach God would be by faith in God's promise to accept their sacrifice. Through the sacrificial system, God extended a gospel invitation to be saved, not just from slavery in Egypt, but from slavery to their sins and from the death their sin deserved. God called His people to holiness and then provided a way for them to be holy.

1. God speaks His truth to us.

2. God invites us to meet with Him.

3. God requires atonement for our sin.

4. God provides the sacrificial system.

5. God sacrificed His only begotten Son.

When God gave his people the sacrificial system, he wasn't giving them empty ritual to observe. He was extending to them the gospel—the good news that by faith our sins can be forgiven and we are invited to meet with Him. The sacrificial system was an invitation by God to learn about and participate in the gospel. It was designed to point people to the sacrifice that Jesus would make once and for all on behalf of those who believe. In Jesus' sacrifice, God invites us to experience the joy of salvation, the joy of fellowship with Him, and the joy of growing in His grace.

Reflection

How was God central to Israel's worship? How should He be central in ours? How might our personal preferences displace God as the center of our worship? How did God invite people to meet with Him? How does He invite you into His presence? What is the purpose of atonement? Why do you think it requires death? Without faith, Israel's worship became empty ritual. How do you keep that from happening in your own worship? To what spiritual realities do the sacrifices point?