

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Leviticus 22:17-25, 31-33

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. What type of offering was optional with less strict requirements than other sacrifices?

A Freewill Offering, because it could be eaten at a banquet with family and friends.

2. What do the Old Testament sacrifices point toward?

The future coming and sacrifice of the Messiah, Jesus, to save us from our sins.

3. Why do you think God instituted and gave specific rules for sacrifices to the Israelites?

The pagans around them offered unholy sacrifices in immoral ways, including child sacrifices and other types of human sacrifices. God forbid all of these ways. God wanted to point to the coming of His Son and His sacrifice, so the sacrifices of the Israelites must be holy, moral, and pure. Their sacrifices pointed out the high cost of sin, and were not designed to bribe God into blessing them as exemplified by pagan sacrifices. Jesus’ sacrifice showed the infinite price and cost to God of our sins: so our loving Father, as Lord and Judge of the universe, could be both merciful and just when forgiving us for our sins.

4. What is one thing you have learned or consider important about giving from your study of these Scripture texts?

To give my best to God and to the body of Christ. *Other lessons:* Not to give God what costs me nothing. Not to give in order to bribe God for blessings.

5. What kind of sacrifices does God require of Christians today?

See especially Romans 12:1 and Philippians 2:14-16. Other Scripture texts.

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