

**Saturday, February 16**

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**Leviticus 1:1 - 3:17**

**1** **1** The LORD called to Moses from the Tabernacle and said to him, **2** “Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. When you present an animal as an offering to the LORD, you may take it from your herd of cattle or your flock of sheep and goats. **3** “If the animal you present as a burnt offering is from the herd, it must be a male with no defects. Bring it to the entrance of the Tabernacle so you may be accepted by the LORD. **4** Lay your hand on the animal’s head, and the LORD will accept its death in your place to purify you, making you right with him. **5** Then slaughter the young bull in the LORD’s presence, and Aaron’s sons, the priests, will present the animal’s blood by splattering it against all sides of the altar that stands at the entrance to the Tabernacle. **6** Then skin the animal and cut it into pieces. **7** The sons of Aaron the priest will build a wood fire on the altar. **8** They will arrange the pieces of the offering, including the head and fat, on the wood burning on the altar. **9** But the internal organs and the legs must first be washed with water. Then the priest will burn the entire sacrifice on the altar as a burnt offering. It is a special gift, a pleasing aroma to the LORD. **10** “If the animal you present as a burnt offering is from the flock, it may be either a sheep or a goat, but it must be a male with no defects. **11** Slaughter the animal on the north side of the altar in the LORD’s presence, and Aaron’s sons, the priests, will splatter its blood against all sides of the altar. **12** Then cut the animal in pieces, and the priests will arrange the pieces of the offering, including the head and fat, on the wood burning on the altar. **13** But the internal organs and the legs must first be washed with water. Then the priest will burn the entire sacrifice on the altar as a burnt offering. It is a special gift, a pleasing aroma to the LORD. **14** “If you present a bird as a burnt offering to the LORD, choose either a turtledove or a young pigeon. **15** The priest will take the bird to the altar, wring off its head, and burn it on the altar. But first he must drain its blood against the side of the altar. **16** The priest must also remove the crop and the feathers and throw them in the ashes on the east side of the altar. **17** Then, grasping the bird by its wings, the priest will tear the bird open, but without tearing it apart. Then he will burn it as a burnt offering on the wood burning on the altar. It is a special gift, a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

**2** **1** “When you present grain as an offering to the LORD, the offering must consist of choice flour. You are to pour olive oil on it, sprinkle it with frankincense, **2** and bring it to Aaron’s sons, the priests. The priest will scoop out a handful of the flour moistened with oil, together with all

the frankincense, and burn this representative portion on the altar. It is a special gift, a pleasing aroma to the LORD . **3** The rest of the grain offering will then be given to Aaron and his sons. This offering will be considered a most holy part of the special gifts presented to the LORD . **4** “If your offering is a grain offering baked in an oven, it must be made of choice flour, but without any yeast. It may be presented in the form of thin cakes mixed with olive oil or wafers spread with olive oil. **5** If your grain offering is cooked on a griddle, it must be made of choice flour mixed with olive oil but without any yeast. **6** Break it in pieces and pour olive oil on it; it is a grain offering. **7** If your grain offering is prepared in a pan, it must be made of choice flour and olive oil. **8** “No matter how a grain offering for the LORD has been prepared, bring it to the priest, who will present it at the altar. **9** The priest will take a representative portion of the grain offering and burn it on the altar. It is a special gift, a pleasing aroma to the LORD . **10** The rest of the grain offering will then be given to Aaron and his sons as their food. This offering will be considered a most holy part of the special gifts presented to the LORD . **11** “Do not use yeast in preparing any of the grain offerings you present to the LORD, because no yeast or honey may be burned as a special gift presented to the LORD . **12** You may add yeast and honey to an offering of the first crops of your harvest, but these must never be offered on the altar as a pleasing aroma to the LORD . **13** Season all your grain offerings with salt to remind you of God’s eternal covenant. Never forget to add salt to your grain offerings. **14** “If you present a grain offering to the LORD from the first portion of your harvest, bring fresh grain that is coarsely ground and roasted on a fire. **15** Put olive oil on this grain offering, and sprinkle it with frankincense. **16** The priest will take a representative portion of the grain moistened with oil, together with all the frankincense, and burn it as a special gift presented to the LORD .

**3 1** “If you present an animal from the herd as a peace offering to the LORD, it may be a male or a female, but it must have no defects. **2** Lay your hand on the animal’s head, and slaughter it at the entrance of the Tabernacle. Then Aaron’s sons, the priests, will splatter its blood against all sides of the altar. **3** The priest must present part of this peace offering as a special gift to the LORD . This includes all the fat around the internal organs, **4** the two kidneys and the fat around them near the loins, and the long lobe of the liver. These must be removed with the kidneys, **5** and Aaron’s sons will burn them on top of the burnt offering on the wood burning on the altar. It is a special gift, a pleasing aroma to the LORD . **6** “If you present an animal from the flock as a peace offering to the LORD, it may be a male or a female, but it must have no defects. **7** If you present a sheep as your offering, bring it to the LORD, **8** lay your hand on its head, and slaughter it in front of the Tabernacle. Aaron’s sons will then splatter the sheep’s blood against all sides of the altar. **9** The priest must present the fat of this peace offering as a special gift to the LORD . This includes the fat of the broad tail cut off near the backbone, all the

fat around the internal organs, **10** the two kidneys and the fat around them near the loins, and the long lobe of the liver. These must be removed with the kidneys, **11** and the priest will burn them on the altar. It is a special gift of food presented to the LORD . **12** “If you present a goat as your offering, bring it to the LORD, **13** lay your hand on its head, and slaughter it in front of the Tabernacle. Aaron’s sons will then splatter the goat’s blood against all sides of the altar. **14** The priest must present part of this offering as a special gift to the LORD . This includes all the fat around the internal organs, **15** the two kidneys and the fat around them near the loins, and the long lobe of the liver. These must be removed with the kidneys, **16** and the priest will burn them on the altar. It is a special gift of food, a pleasing aroma to the LORD . All the fat belongs to the LORD . **17** “You must never eat any fat or blood. This is a permanent law for you, and it must be observed from generation to generation, wherever you live.”

#### **Mark 1:29 - 2:12**

**1 29** After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon and Andrew’s home. **30** Now Simon’s mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away. **31** So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them. **32** That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. **33** The whole town gathered at the door to watch. **34** So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak. **35** Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. **36** Later Simon and the others went out to find him. **37** When they found him, they said, “Everyone is looking for you.” **38** But Jesus replied, “We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came.” **39** So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons. **40** A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. “If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean,” he said. **41** Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” **42** Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed. **43** Then Jesus sent him on his way with a stern warning: **44** “Don’t tell anyone about this. Instead, go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed.” **45** But the man went and spread the word, proclaiming to everyone what had happened. As a result, large crowds soon surrounded Jesus, and he couldn’t publicly enter a town anywhere. He had to stay out in the secluded places, but people from everywhere kept coming to him.

**2** **1** When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. **2** Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, **3** four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. **4** They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. **5** Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven." **6** But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, **7** "What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!" **8** Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? **9** Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'? **10** So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, **11** "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" **12** And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"

#### **Psalm 35:17 - 28**

**35** **17** How long, O Lord, will you look on and do nothing? Rescue me from their fierce attacks. Protect my life from these lions! **18** Then I will thank you in front of the great assembly. I will praise you before all the people. **19** Don't let my treacherous enemies rejoice over my defeat. Don't let those who hate me without cause gloat over my sorrow. **20** They don't talk of peace; they plot against innocent people who mind their own business. **21** They shout, "Aha! Aha! With our own eyes we saw him do it!" **22** O LORD, you know all about this. Do not stay silent. Do not abandon me now, O Lord. **23** Wake up! Rise to my defense! Take up my case, my God and my Lord. **24** Declare me not guilty, O LORD my God, for you give justice. Don't let my enemies laugh about me in my troubles. **25** Don't let them say, "Look, we got what we wanted! Now we will eat him alive!" **26** May those who rejoice at my troubles be humiliated and disgraced. May those who triumph over me be covered with shame and dishonor. **27** But give great joy to those who came to my defense. Let them continually say, "Great is the LORD, who delights in blessing his servant with peace!" **28** Then I will proclaim your justice, and I will praise you all day long.

#### **Proverbs 9:13 - 18**

**9 13** The woman named Folly is brash. She is ignorant and doesn't know it.**14** She sits in her doorway on the heights overlooking the city. **15** She calls out to men going by who are minding their own business. **16** "Come in with me," she urges the simple. To those who lack good judgment, she says, **17** "Stolen water is refreshing; food eaten in secret tastes the best!"**18** But little do they know that the dead are there. Her guests are in the depths of the grave.