

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

**Warming up**

1. When you think of perfection, what do you think about?

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. What does Leviticus 19:2 mean to you?
3. Do you think God wants you to live a holy life?
4. According to Hebrews 9:22, what was the purpose of the shedding of blood in Old Testament sacrifices?
5. God commanded the nation of Israel to perform numerous sacrifices according to certain procedures prescribed by God. First, the animal had to be spotless. Second, the person offering the sacrifice had to identify with the animal. Third, the person offering the animal had to inflict death upon it. With this in mind, please read Leviticus 1:1-10.

Describe what's happening in this passage in your own words.

6. According to Leviticus 22:22-25, what does a "no defect" or "unblemished" sacrifice look like? Other Jewish writings elaborated on this passage, and added: It can't be pierced in any way. It can't have a slit eyelid, a speck in the eye, a commingling of the iris and the outer part, various growths in the eye, and rheum, or if its lip is pierced. If the tail of the animal does NOT reach the knee joint, it's blemished. If its lower jaw protrudes beyond the upper jaw, it's unblemished. It can't have damaged testicles or be castrated. It needs to be male. There's another level to this assessment. Leviticus 21 tells us that the priest was also to be without defect. So...it was important for both the sacrifice and the priest to be without blemish. No defects.
  - a. Based on the passage you just read in Leviticus, what does God want from you? Pastor Ruben said, "The character of the giver is worth more than the value of the gift." Then he added, "God wants your heart before your gift. God wants your obedience before your worship. God wants your heart before your lip service".

- b. What did he mean by that? Do you agree or disagree, why?
  
7. Something happened with the attitude of the Israelites when it came to their sacrifices.
  - a. According to Malach 1:6-9, what happened?
  
  - b. What does this say about our human nature?
  
  - c. Pastor Ruben said, "Dont' give God something that didn't cost you anything." What do you think?
  
8. Pastor Ruben said, "There are people who have learned to take advantage of situations. They have learned to work the system and hustle people. This same attitude spills over into their relationship with God. God is just another deal to them." What did he mean?
  
9. When you look at the New Testament, you see the vale and perfection of Jesus as our sacrifice for our sins.

Please read, John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18-19; and Hebrews 9:13-14. Share your thoughts.

10. According to Romans 12:1-2, what does God want from you?

### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- When you flip to the NT, and you see a new sacrifice come into the picture.
- Jesus was without sin. This made Him uniquely qualified to be our sacrifice for our sins. He was the perfect sacrifice for humanity.
- God wants you to be a living sacrifice.