



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Leviticus 3	Title:	A Thanksgiving Offering
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Introduction/ Summary of Chapter	Leviticus offers a vision of how holiness ought to be lived out in relationship with God, with one's neighbor, and with the larger community. In Chapter 3, the peace offering was an optional free-will offering that the Israelites can choose to offer to God out of gratitude to Him. It is also called a fellowship or thanksgiving offering. I will use thanksgiving offering in this devotion.		

Key Verse(s)	How does it speak to me?
Leviticus 3:9 "The priest must present the fat of this peace offering as a special gift to the LORD."	<p>I do not take the wonderful blessings from God for granted. I am diligent to offer my thanksgiving to God not just in the form of prayers only but in giving as well.</p> <p>About 6 years ago, I learnt about the thanksgiving offering to God. I was stirred in my heart to give God a thanksgiving offering that particular year. It was an amount above my regular tithes and offering. This thanksgiving offering was given not because of an answered prayer or because I have received a love offering from congregational members. It was also not because I was trying to earn more favors from God. It was simply out from a heart of thanksgiving that I wanted give to God a tangible gift and say, "I love you Lord!". I wanted to bless the Lord without any strings attached. It was probably the biggest sum of money that I ever given to God. It is likened to my spouse buying me an expensive gift not because I have been well-behaved, but simply because she wanted to show her love for me.</p> <p>I remember that there was a sense of humble joy in my heart as I got up early that morning. I logged into my computer and opened the bank app. I said a simple thanksgiving prayer and then gave that sum of money to God via online giving. I sensed God's delight in me not in the sum of money I gave but because of my sincere love for Him.</p> <p>I want to encourage you especially in this uncertain season to offer a thanksgiving offering to God. You can start with a prayer of thanksgiving or you can give in a tangible manner to God. It is not how much you have or what you can give. But it is how much access He has in our heart today, Amen!</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	What is a thanksgiving offering you would like to offer to God? It could be a song, a prayer or love gift. Remember God sees your heart.
Youth:	Do something to express your love and gratitude to God this week. It could be giving your week's allowance to God or worshipping God with a song, etc.
Child:	Write a card or draw a picture or sing a song or dance to express your heartfelt thanks to God.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Lord Jesus, we are grateful that Christ has paid the full price for our salvation. We want to offer a thanksgiving offering to You because it is an opportunity for us to express our heartfelt gratitude of who You are and what You have already done for us! We do not want to take Your holiness and goodness for granted. We desire to live our lives to please You. We worship and honor You in Jesus' Name. Amen!
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.