

# SERMON REFLECTIONS

## Holy Giving – How come we must give God anything?

Leviticus 2 | 20 February 2022 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

### Reflection Questions

1. Leviticus 1 to 3 is about 3 offerings which God commanded the people of Israel to give unto Him.

Why is it that the Creator of All the Universe, and All Life on earth, needs us to give Him anything at all? What does our giving mean to God? Does it matter if we give very little or give a lot?

Do you remember any stories of faithful/generous giving in the Bible? What can we learn from these biblical characters and their holy giving?

2. The 3 principles about Holy Giving that Pastor Aaron preached from Leviticus 1 to 3 are:

- a. **Everyone can give to God**
- b. **Everyone is to give that which cost them something**
- c. **Everyone can give because God blesses us first**

Discuss these 3 principles. Do you agree?

In the sermon, it is mentioned that the Christian Post reported in Oct 2021, that American Christians give about 2.4% of their incomes to God (*as tithes, offerings, Christian social works, or missions*).

Why do you think American Christians are only giving 2.4%? Suggest some possible reasons.

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How much do you think Singaporean Christians are giving in general? Are we generous or not willing to give? Why do you think we are like that?

Consider seriously as individuals and as a DG, how you can facilitate God's work and good works through your faithful giving.

3. Leviticus 2 teaches us about the Grain Offering, which was to be made of fine flour.

The fine flour represented:

- a. what God had first created – *the wheat*
- b. what man had made of God's gift – *planting the wheat and then turning it into flour*

Olive oil added to the sacrifice made it into a cake that could be handled easily, and frankincense, which was expensive, made the whole offering into a worthwhile "*sacrifice*".

What would represent our grain offering to God, in our context today? What is it that God has first created, and what is it that we have made of God's gift?

4. Pastor Aaron asked a question – "*what if we don't give?*", and his answer was:
- a. We miss a chance to worship and please God in accordance to His will
  - b. We miss out on being a part of God's blessing
  - c. We miss now, and the chance to give might be lost some day.

Discuss.

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