

A Living Sacrifice—Do What Is Right

Study Questions

Micah 6:6-8 and other Old Testament passages

1. [**Micah 6:6-7**] God established burnt offerings and sacrifices when His people would be very much dependent on crops and livestock for their daily needs. (These sacrifices can be found in various parts of Leviticus, especially chapters 1-7, 12, 14, 16, and 24). What do you think the sacrifice of food sources meant to the early Israelites—what did it cost them, and what did they stand to gain by them?

Why would these sacrifices have been important to God?

2. [**Micah 6:8; Isaiah 1:11-13; Psalm 51:16-17**] Over time, as Israel became more established and more prosperous, more people began living in cities. The meaning and significance of the sacrifices started to change (especially for those with extra money). How do you think attitudes differed between early Israelites and the later, more well-off Israelites?

Why was God no longer satisfied with the same sacrifices?

3. [**Isaiah 1:16-17; Jeremiah 22:3**] What does defending the weak cost us, and what do we stand to gain by it?

Why are these sacrifices important to God?

4. [**Proverbs 31:8-9**] Many are speaking up for black men and women who have long suffered under the biases and injustices of our criminal justice system. Others are denying there's a problem and are appealing to respect for authority. Still others just focus on their own lives and responsibilities. What courses of action bring glory to God's name? What courses of action are merely convenient, or even shameful to God's name?

How is the Spirit moving you offer yourself to God right now?