

Worship & Sin

Genesis 4:1-16

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What have you offered to God today?

What did you bring Him?

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What is your response when you receive your paycheck?

Do you praise and thank God?

Have you surrendered to God your paychecks?

What does that surrender look like?

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“The Lord said to Moses, “Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.”

Ex 13:1–2 NIV

“Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God.”

Ex 23:19 NIV

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- Bringing God the firstborn of your animals and the best first fruits of your crops was a step of faith that carried with it huge risks.
- Will we have enough?
- What if _____ happens?
- Will I be able to provide for my family?
- But I might not be able to _____.

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- Does God get the first fruits or left overs of:
- Our Time: Do we give God our best time? When we are rested and focused or does He get our distracted time? Who gets our best time?
- Our Gifts/Skills: How does God get the firsts and bests of your gifts and skills?
 - We are to use our gifts and skills to help each other grow and mature in our love and knowledge of God.
 - What are you doing with your gifts and skills?

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- Finances:
 - Throughout the Old Testament we see a general pattern of Israel being commanded to offer God 10% of their crops and livestock.
 - In the New Testament we are invited to give cheerfully and sacrificially to God. Jesus commands us to rich towards God instead of storing up earthly treasures.
 - Malachi 3:10 instructs God's people to bring in the whole tithe and witness the generosity of God.

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- Why should we give of our time, gifts and money?
- Offerings are an act of worship. They are an acknowledgement of the truth that all we have is a gift from God.
 - Sin teaches us to say, “Look at what I have done.” when the truth is we should say, “Look at what God has done.”
- Our offering should cost us something. Worship that costs us nothing isn't true worship.

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- Offerings our time, gifts and money teaches to depend on God who richly provides all we need.
- It teaches us to trust God.
- It helps us see what we really need.
- It teaches us to be content in a world that wants us discontent so we will buy, click, and spend.
- It opens up room for God to show up.

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- Offerings break the hold of money on our heart. Money quickly defines us and we look to it for security and safety.
- When we bring our offering to God we are reminded our identity is as sons and daughters. God alone is our source of security and safety.
- Our offerings let us participate in the work of God directly and indirectly.

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- Faith 101- learning what is right and wrong.
- Faith 201- learning to not respond with sin.
- Faith 301- examining your heart to see if while not responding outwardly to sin we harbor it inwardly.
- Faith 401- learning what is good and right and then living it out.
- Faith 501- examining your heart trying to understand why you might fail to live out the good and what is right.

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- Where have we given the devil a foothold in our hearts?
- Where have we failed to do what is right and good?
- When's the last time you asked God to change your heart?
- When's the last time you cried out to God to give you a new heart?
- Have you settled for simply picking the fruit of sin from your life?

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- What is the good and right that God wants you to do this week?
 - Where in do you need God to give you a new heart?
- What are you doing with your time, gifts and money?
- Does God get your firsts and your best or the leftovers?
- When your check comes what part do you give to God?
- Do you do it cheerfully or reluctantly?