

SACRIFICE

Come up with a working definition for the word “sacrifice”.

The First Sacrifice

¹Adam and Eve had a son. Then Eve said, “I’ll name him Cain because I got him with the help of the LORD.” ²Later she had another son and named him Abel.

Abel became a sheep farmer, but Cain farmed the land. ³One day, Cain gave part of his harvest to the LORD, ⁴and Abel also gave an offering to the LORD. He killed the first-born lamb from one of his sheep and gave the LORD the best parts of it. The LORD was pleased with Abel and his offering, ⁵but not with Cain and his offering. This made Cain so angry that he could not hide his feelings.

⁶The LORD said to Cain:

What’s wrong with you? Why do you have such an angry look on your face? ⁷If you had done the right thing, you would be smiling. But you did the wrong thing, and now sin is waiting to attack you like a lion. Sin wants to destroy you, but don’t let it!

Genesis 4:1-7 (CEV)

Are you *thankfully* giving your life to God? How so?

What Can You Give?

The story of Abram rescuing Lot and his interaction with King Melchizedek can be found in Genesis 14.

²⁰Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered.

Genesis 14:20^b (NLT)

⁴¹Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. ⁴²Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.

⁴³Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. ⁴⁴For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

Mark 12:41-44 (NLT)

What do you give to God (if anything)?

Worship

¹So then, my brothers and sisters, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. ²Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 (GNB)

Who is the focus of your worship? How can you tell?

Jesus telling us to take up our cross
can be found in Luke 9:23-27

The one thing I know for sure about Jesus is:

