

SACRED

GOD'S INVITATION TO
DRAW NEAR

After the Moment Passes

Leviticus 27:1-8

God desires faithful devotion,
not impressive promises.

The LORD spoke to Moses: “Speak to the Israelites and tell them: When someone makes a special vow to the LORD that involves the assessment of people,”

Leviticus 27:1–2 CSB

Deeply hurt, Hannah prayed to the LORD and wept with many tears. Making a vow, she pleaded, “LORD of Armies, if you will take notice of your servant’s affliction, remember and not forget me, and give your servant a son, I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and his hair will never be cut.”

1 Samuel 1:10–11 CSB

“When you make a vow to God, don’t delay fulfilling it, because he does not delight in fools. Fulfill what you vow. Better that you do not vow than that you vow and not fulfill it.”

Ecclesiastes 5:4–5 CSB

“I will enter your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows that my lips promised and my mouth spoke during my distress. I will offer you fattened sheep as burnt offerings, with the fragrant smoke of rams; I will sacrifice bulls with goats. Selah Come and listen, all who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.”

Psalm 66:13-16 CSB

Faithful devotion becomes concrete.

“But if one is too poor to pay the assessment, he is to present the person before the priest and the priest will set a value for him. The priest will set a value for him according to what the one making the vow can afford.”

Leviticus 27:8 CSB

Faithful devotion becomes concrete.

Faithful devotion remains when costly.

“If the vow involves one of the animals that may be brought as an offering to the LORD, any of these he gives to the LORD will be holy. He may not replace it or make a substitution for it, either good for bad, or bad for good. But if he does substitute one animal for another, both that animal and its substitute will be holy.”

Leviticus 27:9–10 CSB

Faithful devotion remains when costly.

Faithful devotion obeys without bargaining.

“But no one can consecrate a firstborn of the livestock, whether an animal from the herd or flock, to the LORD, because a firstborn already belongs to the LORD.”

Leviticus 27:26 CSB

Faithful devotion obeys without bargaining.

Obedience is worship, not currency.

We are people who:

Promise more than we practice.

Begin more than we finish.

Search for convenient substitutions.

Abandon commitments when their cost becomes clear.

Use obedience to bargain with God.

For every one of God's promises is "Yes" in him.

2 Corinthians 1:20 CSB

Therefore, as he was coming into the world, he said:
"You did not desire sacrifice and offering, but you
prepared a body for me. You did not delight in whole
burnt offerings and sin offerings. Then I said, 'See— it
is written about me in the scroll— I have come to do
your will, God.'"

Hebrews 10:5–7 CSB