

God calls his people to genuine and generous devotion of him



“If your vow involves giving an animal that is acceptable as an offering to the Lord, any gift to the Lord will be considered holy. You may not exchange or substitute it for another animal—neither a good animal for a bad one nor a bad animal for a good one. But if you do exchange one animal for another, then both the original animal and its substitute will be considered holy. If your vow involves an unclean animal—one that is not acceptable as an offering to the Lord—then you must bring the animal to the priest. He will assess its value, and his assessment will be final, whether high or low. If you want to buy back the animal, you must pay the value set by the priest, plus 20 percent.

~ Leviticus 27:9-13 (NLT) ~

Have you ever wanted something really badly from someone, like a parent, that you said to them that if they gave you that thing you would do something back for them?

For example, you might have really badly wanted to watch a movie, and you said to your parents, “If you let me watch the movie, I will unpack the dishwasher for two weeks without complaining!”

Well that is called making a vow. A vow is a promise that you will do something in return for someone doing something for you. Sometimes people make vows or promises like that to God as well. And sometimes people want to give things to God, like money or time or their skills, to say thank you for all that God has done for them.

God really likes it when people want to give him things to say thank you and when people make vows to do things for him after he has done something good for them.

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But in Leviticus 27, God is reminding his people back then, and us now if we are following Jesus, that if we make a vow to him, we really need to mean it, and when want to give things back to God to say thank you for all he has done, we should be generous about it.

Just like we wouldn't like it if someone didn't keep their promise to us, God doesn't like it when we don't keep our promises to him either. And just like we don't like it when people don't really give us the best gifts to say thank you, God doesn't like that either.

God has done so much for us. God has made it possible for us to be part of his family and live with him forever! That truly is amazing!

So, if we are following Jesus, and part of God's forever family, we should keep our promises with God and be generous in the way we say thank you to him.

Some questions to think about:

1. What is a vow?
2. Why should keep our promises or vows to God?
3. Why should we be generous in saying thank you to God?
4. How do you feel about this?

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you that we can be part of your forever family because of Jesus. Thank you that you love to talk with us and you love it when we talk with you and thank you. Please help us to be genuine and generous in our devotion to you.

Amen.