

Last Day Unleavened Bread 2026 – Offering

We know from Deuteronomy, that God gives His people an *opportunity of worship* by instructing us to *give an offering* during the Holy Day seasons. A financial offering to God is worship just as our prayers, and our tears, and our Psalms of praise are offerings to God...

Deu 16:16-17 "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.

Deu 16:17 Every man shall **give as he is able**, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

Today's focus ... **Sacrificial Giving** ("Costly" Offerings)

- **Abel's Offering**

Gen 4:2b-7 ...Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. **Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering**, but He did not



respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door."

Abel gave the **first & best**, showing **faith & honour** to God.

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he **being dead** still speaks.

- **Abraham Offers Isaac**

Gen 22:10-12 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven & said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." & He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

The ultimate test—**giving** what was **most precious**. God values total surrender.

• David's Costly Offering - 2 Samuel 24

- David (2Sam 24:1) angers God by seeking to count the people of Israel
- Gad "the seer" (2Sam 24:12) asks David to choose his punishment for this sin
 - 7 years of famine
 - 3 months of fleeing from enemies
 - 3 days of plague ... (David chooses this -- he knows God's mercies are great)
- 70,000 are killed by a plague & then God says "enough!"

David Builds an Altar

2Sa 24:18 And Gad came that day to David and said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah (*ah-row-na*) the Jebusite."

2Sa 24:19 So David, according to the word of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded.

2Sa 24:20 Now Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming toward him. So Araunah went out and bowed before the king with his face to the ground.

2Sa 24:21 Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people."

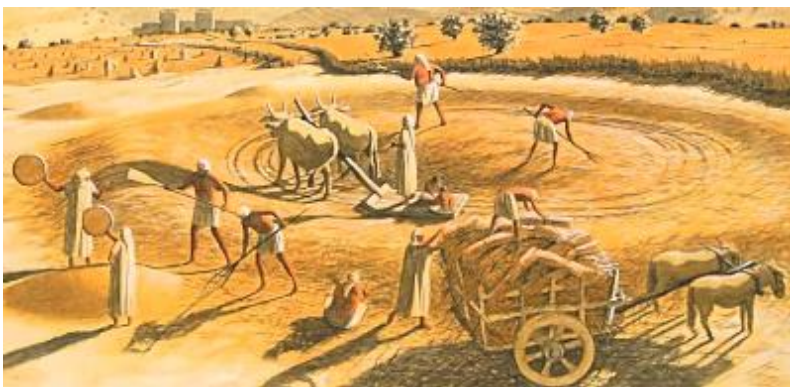
2Sa 24:22 Now Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up whatever seems good to him. Look, here are oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen for wood.

2Sa 24:23 All these, O king, Araunah has given to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you."

2Sa 24:24 Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; **nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing.**" So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

2Sa 24:25 And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.

True giving involves **personal cost**, not convenience.



Faithful offerings involve *sacrifice* ... yet ... 2Co_9:7 ... God loves a **cheerful** giver.