

Sin Offering

Recently this topic has come up across many of my friends so I thought I would expound on it.

Maybe you are asking yourself when you would need to do something like this. Well if you feel in your heart that you have crossed over that "Line" with the Lord and have fallen out of His favor or grace and the guilt of your actions is almost consuming you for what you have done wrong in your life then this would be a good step towards finding His favor once again.

A sin offering is unlike any other offering. It has nothing to do with thanks or a petition or need. It goes beyond saying you are sorry to the Lord. You can't just say to Him here is my sin offering and be done with it.

There is some preparation. A sin offering is something you present to God from your heart. It is very quiet moment that you and He share when your heart is ready. You can't hurry through the process; you must take your time.

You pick a dollar amount that you feel will cover this (the monetary size of the offering doesn't really matter) Then before you place it into the offertory you pray to Him.

- 1) You admit your guilt.
- 2) You tell Him in DETAIL all you have done wrong, you hold nothing back. You reach into the depth of your soul and you bear it all to Him to the point that you are embarrassed that you are even telling Him. (He already knows He just wants you to acknowledge all of this to yourself).
- 3) You repent and apologize for your actions.
- 4) You ask Him for forgiveness.
- 5) You thank Him for His kindness.
- 6) Then you place your offering and let go of all of it.
- 7) He forgives you and remembers it no more.

I have done this many times within my own life and it is not easy to do...but He has always been kind and gracious with me.