

RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids
Parashah # 24: Vayikrah "He Called"
Vayikra / Leviticus 1:1- 5:26
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This Torah Portion is all about sacrifices to God.

Leviticus. 1:2-4 "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock. If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD. And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him."

Back in the Days of the Tabernacle and the Temple people used to bring animal sacrifices to the Priests and the blood from the animals covered their sins, bad things they have done against God's Rules which we call the Torah, until the next time they sinned. However, Yeshua the Messiah came and he was sacrificed on our behalf and because He never sinned His blood took away our sins instead of just covered them up.

But that's not all the sacrifices did. The Hebrew for sacrifice is "Korban" which means to come near. So somehow the sacrifices allow us to get closer to God. And they also provided food for the Priests. So when the Messiah returns and the Temple is rebuilt, we will sacrifice again not to cover our sins but to remember Yeshua's sacrifice for us, help care for the priests and to get closer to God.

So how can we sacrifice to God, how can we get closer to God today?

We can sacrifice or give of our time to do good deeds to help people, we can sacrifice or time and read and learn the Scriptures and pray, these are just a few ways we can sacrifice and get closer to God today.

Will you sacrifice your time so you can become closer to God this week?

Shabbat Shalom!
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