

Burn With Passion to Worship

Week 2 Guide -September 7-13, 2025

This Week's Topic: "The Altar of Sacrifice"

*"Remember, the fire must be kept burning on the altar at all times. It must never go out." -
Leviticus 6:13 NLT*

*"Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a
sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God." - Ephesians 5:2 NLT*

Self-Reflection Worship Guide: The Altar of Sacrifice

1. Approaching the Altar

Scripture: Exodus 27:1–8

The Brazen Altar was the first thing you saw when entering the Tabernacle. It reminds us that fellowship with God begins with repentance and sacrifice.

Reflection Questions

- When I enter into worship, do I come first with repentance, or do I rush past self-examination?
- What sins, habits, or attitudes might God be asking me to bring to His altar today?
- How does remembering Jesus' sacrifice on the cross stir my heart to worship with greater gratitude?

2. The Weight of Responsibility

Scripture: Leviticus 4 (priests, leaders, community, common people)

Everyone was accountable to bring a sacrifice, though priests and leaders carried greater responsibility.

Reflection Questions

- How do I view my own responsibility before God—do I take sin seriously?
- If I serve in leadership, do I recognize that God holds me to a higher standard?
- In what ways has my sin affected not just me, but also those around me (family, church, workplace)?

3. Identifying with the Sacrifice

"You had to identify with the innocent animal dying because of your sin."

Reflection Questions

- When I consider Jesus' death on the cross, do I truly identify with the reality that my sin put Him there?
- What emotions rise up in me when I reflect on Christ's innocence and sacrifice?
- How does this awareness change the way I want to live and worship?

4. Fire from God

Scripture: Leviticus 9:22–24

The fire on the altar came from God Himself. In the same way, God ignites a holy fire in us through the Holy Spirit.

Reflection Questions

- Can I identify moments when God's fire has touched my heart—times of conviction, passion, or renewal?
- What practices in my life help keep that fire burning (prayer, worship, obedience, repentance)?
- Where have I allowed the fire to grow dim, and what steps can I take to rekindle it?

5. Living Sacrifices

Scripture: Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5, 9

We are now God's temple, and our worship is offering our lives daily as living sacrifices.

Reflection Questions

- In what areas of my life do I struggle most to surrender fully to God?
- How is my daily life (at home, work, church) an act of worship—or how is it not?
- What specific act of obedience might God be asking of me right now as a sacrifice of worship?

6. Why Do I Worship?

Challenge: Why do you come to church? Why do you worship?

Reflection Questions

- What are my true motivations for attending church and participating in worship?
- If the music, preaching, or atmosphere were completely different, would I still come and worship? Why or why not?
- Am I more focused on what I receive from worship or on what I give to God in worship?

7. The Posture of the Heart

Scripture: Matthew 15:7–9

True worship is about the heart, not just outward expressions.

Reflection Questions

- When I worship, is my focus more on appearances (how I look or sound) or on honoring God?
- How do I cultivate humility in worship so that it is God-centered rather than self-centered?
- In what ways can I express gratitude and love for God more authentically this week?

8. Fulfillment in Christ

Scripture: Hebrews 10:10–12

The altar of sacrifice is fulfilled in Jesus. We now worship in Spirit and in truth, with hearts overflowing with gratitude.

Reflection Questions

- How does knowing that Jesus' sacrifice was "once for all" give me freedom in worship?
- Do I see worship as something I do just on Sundays, or as a way of life?
- How can I daily offer myself as a living sacrifice—repentant, obedient, humble, and faith-filled?

🙏 Closing Challenge

- What steps can I take this week to keep the fire of worship burning in my heart?
- How can I intentionally shift my worship from being about "what I get" to "what I give to God"?
- What would it look like if every area of my life became an altar of worship to God?

Connection Point

Find someone else who has taken this personal reflection assessment on worship and share your answers with each other. It could be a spouse, a friend or even with your children. Share your honest answers and take a few minutes to pray for each other, asking God to ignite His fire in your hearts, to fan into flame your passion to worship.

Prayer of The Week:

Lord, I pray that you would ignite my passion to worship. I want to live each day as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to you. Forgive me of my sin (name any that come to mind) I lay them on the altar of sacrifice. I choose to receive your forgiveness that cleanses me from all guilt and shame. In response I humbly ask you to draw me deeper into your presence and teach me your ways so that I may walk in your light. Align my passions to yours and cause them to grow and burn like a fire within me. ~Amen.

Resources of the Week:

Videos:

We studied the Temple and Here's What We Found || The Bible Project

<https://youtu.be/wTnq6l3vUbU?si=H78CJB78Zd-k2fnx>

Solomon's Temple Explained || Messages From Christ

<https://youtu.be/Xt6lQAe8ues?si=vDnScUmpwMVycrwV>

True Worship Vs. Empty Performance || The Kirk Cameron Show

https://youtu.be/r-DxBSdFucc?si=JmjTrfZ5L_OkzIDa