

## Easter – Leviticus 1 – World’s Strictest Savior

***If you do something wrong, there is always a consequence.***

Parents give kids consequences for poor choices before life gives kids consequences for their poor choices. And sometimes it’s hard to do that.

***But the hope for us parents is that by setting up earlier consequences, we might be able to push back that final consequence, which is death.***

God has set up boundaries for us. Not because he’s strict, but because he loves us. And when we get outside of these boundaries, life gets real tough real quick.

### Read Leviticus 1:1-9 – A Sacrifice for Sin

God set up a sacrifice system. The temples were set up with a pretty rigorous schedule of animal and grain sacrifices which were put in place to **atone** for your sin.

A prize bull, worth a ton of money, was slaughtered and burned to pay the penalty for your mistakes.

This was done once a year

It shows how gracious God really is! Rather than physically punishing the person, God takes something valuable away from them. That is the sacrifice. Their best crops, their best animals... due to their poor choices, they lose their most valuable possession.

### Read Job 1:1-5 – A Father Sacrifices for His Children

***God feels the same way. God isn’t a strict old man who is just annoyed with your behavior. God is watching over you and He is worrying Himself to death! God is willing to make sacrifices for you!***

At Easter, all the sins of all of humanity and the consequences of all that sin is placed onto the Son of God, Jesus Christ. He is sacrificed on a Roman Cross. It is the most tortuous way ever devised to kill a person, and yet with the sins of the world placed on top of that, it was the most horrific death ever recorded.

### Read John 3:16-18 -- God doesn’t want us to die!!

Before Jesus died on the cross, God used the penalty system.

If you made a poor choice,  
*You had to pay a price.*  
*You had to make a sacrifice.*  
*You had to give something up.*

But now...

*Jesus has paid that price.*  
*Jesus has made that sacrifice.*  
*Jesus gave everything up.*

### Read Matthew 28:1-8 – Christ Rises from the Grave

**Confess** that you have operated outside of God’s boundaries. Understand that God’s boundaries were there to keep you safe, and that when you crossed them, you entered into the most dangerous of areas.

**Embrace** that Jesus Christ, God’s Son, paid the penalty for your crossing of the boundaries. He entered into the most dangerous of areas himself, drew all the violence upon Himself, and saved you from a death you deserved.

**Change** your life and no longer live for yourself, but become a person who sacrifices for others with the intentional purpose of making their life better.

**Follow** the Risen Jesus who leads His people into opportunities to bless and who rewards those who live a life of sacrifice.

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