Parashah 24 Vayikra - "And He called"

Torah: Vayikra (Leviticus) 1:1 – 5:26(6:7)
- Aliyah 1 - 1:1 - 13 Basic instructions for bringing a burnt offering - it must be without defect
- Aliyah 2 - 1:14 - 2:6 Instructions for offering birds, preparing grain offerings.
- Aliyah 3 - 2:7 - 16 Priestly participation in grain offerings; salt added to all offerings; firstfruits
- Aliyah 4 - 3:1 - 17 Peace offerings, fat and organs to be burnt; eat neither fat nor blood
- Aliyah 5 - 4:1 - 26 Inadvertent sin offering; cohen, community, or leader; when sin becomes known
- Aliyah 6 - 4:27 - 5:10 Inadvertent sin among the people; uncleanness, oaths; guilt offerings
- Aliyah 7 - 5:11 - 26 Offering options based on means; guilt offering details

Haftarah: Ye'sha'yahu (Isaiah) 43:21-44:23
B’rit Hadashah: Hebrews 10:1-18

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1. (1:1) What problem was created at the end of the book of Shemot? Looking at the first Hebrew letter of "Vayikra," how is this book connected with Shemot?

2. (1:2) What is the purpose of an “offering” or “sacrifice?” How does the Hebrew word (korban, root word: karav) help to understand this?

3. (1:3) What is a “burnt offering?” How does the Hebrew word (olah) help understand this? What is unique about it? How does it represent Messiah? Is it for sin? Is it required?

4. (2:1) What is a “grain offering?” How does the Hebrew word (minchah) help our understanding? Is it for sin? Is it required?

5. (3:1) What is a “peace offering?” (shelamim) Is it for sin? Is it required? Who partook of the peace offering? How does this speak of shalom?

6. (4:2) What is sin? What categories of people are addressed regarding sin? Why are there different offerings and procedures for different groups of people?
7. How do the words “if” and “when” flavor this portion of scripture?

8. Why do the prophets seem to denounce sacrifices, where they are prescribed here?

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (1:1) God “called” to Moshe, and then “spoke” to him. Is God calling to you or speaking with you? Or both? What are you hearing today? (Gen 3:9, Isa 1:18, Mat 3:1-6, Mat 4:12-17, Mat 4:18-22)

2. (1:14) How important is the size of your offering? More importantly, where is your heart in the matter? (Isa 1:11, 15, Luk 21:2-3, 2Co 9:6-13)

3. (2:7) God doesn’t want your money, he wants you! Do you worry about your assets, or trust Him to provide? Do you offer the depths and variety of your life to Him? (Luk 21:1-4, Isa 42:3, Isa 40:11, Deu 16:16-17, Act 2:44-45, Rev 8:2-4)


6. (4:27) Do you deal with recurring or habitual sin in your life? If so, what’s your plan? (Rom 6:1-18, Luk 15:21, 1Jo 1:9, 1Ki 8:46-50, Job 33:23-28)