



On Wednesdays this month we're looking at worship "then and now." **Hebrews 12:28** issues a clear call...
 ...and thus _____ offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe...

...but **how** should we answer that call? There's a big difference between worship "then" and "now."

Throughout the Old Testament, we read about God's people building altars "to the LORD":

- ❖ _____ (Gen 8:20)
- ❖ _____ (Gen 12:8)
- ❖ _____ (Gen 26:25)
- ❖ _____ (Gen 35:7)
- ❖ _____ (Exo 17:15)



In fact, God made a precious promise in connection with altars and sacrifices made to him:

"...I will _____ to you and _____ you."
 (Exo 20:22-24)

For the next 1,500 years, the Israelites would offer animal sacrifices—lots and **LOTS** of sacrifices. Until...

"Behold, the _____ of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

With the sacrifice of Jesus as "the Lamb of God," something changed.

...Christ ... offered for _____ a single sacrifice for sins... (Heb 10:12)

Does that mean **all** sacrifices for all time are done? No.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your _____ as a _____ sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual _____. (Rom 12:1)

For Class & Family Discussion:

- Thinking back to examples of people like Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses... what were they doing? What were they communicating and teaching by building altars?
- Why animal sacrifices? Where did that even begin? **Genesis 3:7, 21** and **Hebrews 9:22** might be helpful here...
- And yet, animal sacrifices were limited in a very important way. What *couldn't* they do? **Hebrews 10:1-4** offers important insight...
- So what was needed? And according to **Hebrews 10:5-7**, how did Jesus provide the answer?
- Take a look at **Hebrews 13:10-15**. In your own words, what do disciples of Jesus need to understand?
- If Jesus offered "for all time a single sacrifice for sins," (**Heb 10:12**) why does it matter how I live?
- Practically speaking, what does it mean to "present" my body "as a living sacrifice"?