

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program -- May 9-14**  
*“If Jesus Christ be God and died for me , then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for him.” C.T. Studd*

**MONDAY:** I Samuel 15:22; Psalm 51:17; Ephesians 5:2

**KEY VERSE:** I Samuel 15:22

**OBSERVATION: SACRIFICE DOESN'T REPLACE OBEDIENCE.** “Many believers sacrifice their time, money, and energy doing good works for God. However, we must be careful to not let the sacrifice take precedence over obedience to the teachings in the Bible. A sacrificial gift to the Lord is honored as long as we are obeying His commandments.” What is the difference between sacrifice and obedience? How do they work together?

**TUESDAY:** Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:1-6

**KEY VERSE:** Romans 12:1

**OBSERVATION: SACRIFICE IS AN EVERYDAY OCCURANCE.** “Every day we have the choice to offer our bodies as living sacrifices to God. The Lord doesn't force us to offer our bodies as living sacrifices. The Lord doesn't force us to obey Him; rather He longs for us to choose His ways over our ways. Our sacrifice of “Living for Jesus” on a daily basis in spite of temptation, trials and tragedies of life is His desire for us. List 3 ways that our lives can be *“living sacrifices”* to God.

**WEDNESDAY:** Psalm 51:10-19; Proverbs 15:8

**KEY VERSE:** Psalm 51:17

**OBSERVATION: SACRIFICE CAN BE A BROKEN HEART.** “When we sincerely seek after God's forgiveness for our sins, it's a sacrifice He will never turn away. The Lord wants us to come to Him and be made clean from our sinful choices. Many times pride blocks us from admitting our sins. When we humble ourselves, we find His grace and forgiveness. “When you have disobeyed God or fall short of His expectations, (*we all do*) does it break your heart or do you have some other response?”

**THURSDAY:** Hebrews 13:13-16; I Peter 2:4-6

**KEY VERSE:** Hebrews 13:15

**OBSERVATION: SACRIFICE COMES THROUGH THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE IS PLEASING TO GOD.** “When we take time to be thankful, we are giving a sacrifice to God. Many people will go about their day to day activities and never once give God the thanksgiving He deserves. As believers we press towards being thankful every single day.” Do you thank God at: **1.**The beginning of the day? **2.** At the end of the day? **3.** Throughout the day? **4.** On Sunday only?

**FRIDAY:** Romans 3:21-26

**KEY VERSE:** Romans 3:25

**OBSERVATION: SACRIFICE ULTIMATELY WAS PAID THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.** How do you do offer sacrifices to God and for others? Is it easy or difficult? How might you improve?

**SATURDAY:** Hebrews 13:16; Philippians 4:14-20

**KEY VERSE:** Philippians 4:19

**OBSERVATION: SACRIFICE IS PLEASING TO GOD.** As followers of Jesus Christ we are compelled to do good for others even when they don't return the favor. Yet we sacrifice with good works and the sharing of our resources as **to the Lord and not to men.** Explain or define your understanding the biblical word “sacrifice”. What sacrifices are you making for God?