

REFLECTIONS

- When you hear the word “covenant” what things come to mind?
- Why do you think God was so specific when it came to where and how the sacrifices would be offered?
- What is so significant about the blood of the sacrifice? How does the significance of blood help us to see the significance of Jesus’ sacrifice?
- Jesus was sacrificed on an altar of a cross, but His blood was presented on the true altar at the temple in heaven. Read Hebrews 9:12–15. How did the earthly sacrifices help new covenant believers to understand the difference that Jesus’ sacrifice made for humanity?
- How does Communion affect our understanding of a right response to the sacrifice of Jesus? Why did Paul exhort believers to “examine themselves” before participating in “the Body and Blood of Jesus”? (Hebrews 10:26–29; 1 Corinthians 11:27–32)

LEVITICUS 17:11

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.”