



## A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families: For the week of February 11, 2018

Note to Discussion Leaders: Have members read the Bible passage in the group meeting. This is a "worship discussion" guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. Read through this guide before meeting with the group. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for the time of meeting together, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

### Numbers 15:1-21 "When You Come Into The Land"

- How do you know God is faithful?

<sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land you are to inhabit, which I am giving you,

- Numbers 13-14 gives the account of one of the lowest points of Israel's unbelief and rebellion toward The LORD. How is God's amazing grace reflected in these first verses of chapter 15?

<sup>3</sup>and you offer to the LORD from the herd or from the flock a food offering or a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering or at your appointed feasts, to make a pleasing aroma to the LORD, <sup>4</sup>then he who brings his offering shall offer to the LORD a grain offering of a tenth of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with a quarter of a hin of oil; <sup>5</sup>and you shall offer with the burnt offering, or for the sacrifice, a quarter of a hin of wine for the drink offering for each lamb. <sup>6</sup>Or for a ram, you shall offer for a grain offering two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with a third of a hin of oil. <sup>7</sup>And for the drink offering you shall offer a third of a hin of wine, a pleasing aroma to the LORD. <sup>8</sup>And when you offer a bull as a burnt offering or sacrifice, to fulfill a vow or for peace offerings to the LORD, <sup>9</sup>then one shall offer with the bull a grain offering of three tenths of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with half a hin of oil. <sup>10</sup>And you shall offer for the drink offering half a hin of wine, as a food offering, a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

<sup>11</sup>"Thus it shall be done for each bull or ram, or for each lamb or young goat. <sup>12</sup>As many as you offer, so shall you do with each one, as many as there are. <sup>13</sup>Every native Israelite shall do these things in this way, in offering a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the LORD. <sup>14</sup>And if a stranger is sojourning with you, or anyone is living permanently among you, and he wishes to offer a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the LORD, he shall do as you do. <sup>15</sup>For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. You and the sojourner shall be alike before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you."

<sup>17</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>18</sup>"Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land to which I bring you <sup>19</sup>and when you eat of the bread of the land, you shall present a contribution to the LORD. <sup>20</sup>Of the first of your dough you shall present a loaf as a contribution; like a contribution from the threshing floor, so shall you present it. <sup>21</sup>Some of the first of your dough you shall give to the LORD as a contribution throughout your generations.

- The LORD looked forward to worship in the Promised Land. **The land was rich and flowing with "milk and honey". And worship would testify to God's abundant and generous provision.**
  - **The sacrifices of worship would be "an aroma pleasing to LORD"** (3, 7, 10, 13, & 14). What does that mean?
  - The offerings of worship would be "fine", "first" and "best" (4, 6, 9, 20 & 21). Why?
  - The worship gatherings God described included Israelites, sojourners, and strangers (13-16). Why is this significant?

- **Worship also involved “contributions” (17-20).** What was the purpose of these contributions? Read [Numbers 18:12-13](#) for more insight.
- On Sunday, we sang [Come To The Feast](#), a wonderful meditation on [Luke 14:12-24](#) and Jesus vision of our entering the Promised Land. What pleasing & best contribution does The LORD Himself ultimately bring to worship? What do we bring to Him in worship? Who is involved in worship?
- **Sunday’s Words of Encouragement came to use from [Romans 5:1-2](#).** Read that passage aloud as a group to begin a time of prayer together.

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## Sermon Notes

*This week, Steve Shelby preached on [Numbers 15:1-21](#).*

- When last we saw the people of God...
- Failed faith
- Failed repentance
- Failed obedience
- What might we expect to happen now...
- God is still speaking to them
- God has a future for them and it is a future of abundance
- The future includes both native born (which is remarkable that there will be native born) and others who want to be a part of the people of God.
- There is a future.
- It is a good future.
- God will continue to have a relationship with His people.
- His rich provision will call forth rich offerings on our behalf.
- While arrival in the Promised Land is a huge part of what is going on here, all of this is pointless without a relationship with the Living God. That is the point of life. It is the source of life. It is that for which we were created.