



Sermon Discussion Guide

GRACE, GRATITUDE, AND GRAIN

Leviticus 2:1-6

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Big Idea: God's enduring grace is the foundation of our gratitude.

1. **Golden Age:** If you could choose one “golden age” in history, which one would that be?
 - a. No matter how good this life can be, mankind has the sense that there's a golden age to come that *isn't* this one. This idea transcends nearly all peoples and religions. How do Leviticus, the tabernacle, and the regular offerings speak to this human desire?
2. **Tithe:** Read Malachi 3:10. God usually doesn't say, ‘test me.’ But when it comes to tithing, he does. Do you recall a time that God unexpectedly provided for you when you really needed it?
3. **Rhythm:** In Israel, the grain offering (or thank-offering) was offered according to an agricultural rhythm. Is there a particular time in the year when you are reminded of God's grace in your life?
4. **Atonement and Thanksgiving:** In Israel, burnt offerings and grain offerings were offered daily to symbolize the need for *both* atonement and thanksgiving. What were these two offerings meant to teach the Israelites? What do they teach us today?¹
5. **Salt:** Salt was a key part of sacrificial offerings in the OT. It's also common metaphor used throughout the Bible. How does the Bible use “salt” to help us understand the Christian life?
6. **This Week:** Why is thankfulness such an important part of the Christian life? How does this affect your life in the present season?

¹ “gratitude follows grace”