

OBEDIENCE VERSUS SACRIFICES / *Hebrews 10:5-6*

Often in Scripture, God states that he doesn't want our gifts and sacrifices when we give them out of ritual or hypocrisy. God wants us first to love and obey him.

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| 1 Samuel 15:22-23 | Obedience is far better than sacrifice. |
| Psalms 40:6-8 | Instead of burnt offerings, God wants our lifelong service. |
| Psalms 51:16-19 | Instead of penance, God wants a broken and contrite heart. |
| Jeremiah 7:21-23 | Instead of sacrifices, God wants our obedience, and he promises that he will be our God and we will be his people. |
| Hosea 6:6 | Instead of sacrifices, God wants our loving loyalty. Instead of offerings, he wants us to acknowledge him. |
| Amos 5:21-24 | God hates pretense and hypocrisy; he wants to see justice roll on like a river. |
| Micah 6:6-8 | God is not satisfied with offerings; he wants us to be fair and just and merciful, and to walk humbly with him. |
| Matthew 9:13 | Instead of sacrifices, God wants us to give mercy. |