



Big Idea: Come to the Lord's Table with utmost reverence.

1.) The Lord's Table in the OLD TESTAMENT

- In the Old Testament, the altar in the temple on which sacrifices were made is often called the Lord's table.
- To present a sin offering, an individual was required to bring a male animal without blemish or defect (Leviticus 1:4, Leviticus 17:11).

2.) The Lord's Table in the NEW TESTAMENT

- Whereas ancient Israel came to the Lord's Table to offer a sacrifice of atonement, we come to the Lord's Table to observe one.
- The chief ordinance by which we express and participate in the atonement is the Lord's Supper.

3.) Come to the Lord's Table with utmost REVERANCE

- Israel's disrespectful attitude toward the Lord's table was evident in the fact that they were coming to it with defiled offerings.
- Because OT sacrifices pointed directly to Jesus' sacrifice, to disrespect the sacrifices of the Mosaic Covenant was to disrespect Christ Himself.
- Since it was evil to come to the altar with a blemished sacrifice how much worse is it to come to the Lord's Supper with blemished worship?
- Instead of coming to the altar to offer burnt offerings, we come to the Lord's Table to offer **OURSELVES** as living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1).
- The attitude and perspective with which we participate in the Lord's Supper **MATTERS** immensely more than we could possibly know.
- I Corinthians 11:27-31