

### Present Yourselves to God as Living Sacrifices

Rom 12.1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

\* **Paul has** spent 11 chapters explaining what two things?

\* **Paul now** explains what our \_\_\_\_\_ should be.

\* **It's "the least we could do?"** What do we mean, and how does it apply?

\* **How are** "serve" and "worship" related in Hebrew?

Deut 8.19 Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.

Luke 4.8 "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

\* **We can** never repay God. So what can we do?

\* Where do we see examples of this most basic OT sacrifice Paul is referring to?

Lev 3.14 "From it he shall present his offering as an offering by fire to the LORD, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails ... 16 The priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar as food, an offering by fire for a soothing aroma; all fat is the LORD'S."

Gen 4.3 Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. 4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, 5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry ... 6 So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? ... 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door."

Gen 7.2 You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female;

Gen 8.20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done."

Gen 22.2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ... 12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad ... for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." 13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

\* **What is** the basic meaning of this sacrifice or offering?

Lev 8.21 Moses burned the whole ram on the altar. It was a burnt sacrifice for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord.

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Judges 13.15 Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "Please let us ... prepare a young goat for You." 16 And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, ... "I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering [i.e., an ascension offering, which was God's "food" (Lev 3.11)], you must offer it to the LORD." (For Manoah did not know He was the Angel of the LORD.) 17 Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "What is Your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?" 18 And the Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?" 19 So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to the LORD. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on — 20 it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar — the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell on their faces to the ground. 21 ... [T]hen Manoah knew that He was the Angel of the LORD. 22 And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, because we have seen God!" 23 But his wife said to him, "If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands ..."

\* **What new** sacrifices did God ordain under the Mosaic law, and what are their basic meanings?

— Ascension Offering — ascending into the presence of God in worship.

— Peace Offering —

God is pleased.

– Sin or Trespass Offering –

*Phil 4.18 ... I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.*

– Grain Offering –

*Phil 2.17 Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.*

– Drink Offering –

*Lev 23.12 And you shall offer on that day ... a male lamb of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering [ascension offering] to the LORD. 13 Its grain offering shall be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to the LORD, for a sweet aroma; and its drink offering shall be of wine, one-fourth of a hin.*

**\* How does all this apply to us through Christ?**

*Rom 3.23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood ...*

*Jn 8.29 "He who sent Me is with Me ... for I always do those things that please Him."*

*Phil 2.8 ... He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

*John 10.11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep ... 15.13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.*

*1Jn 3.16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us.*

*Eph 5.2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.*

*1 Pet 2.4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

*Heb13.15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. 16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices*