

Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool

A LIVING SACRIFICE (PT. 2)

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Romans 12:1-2

(1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye prove what is that good and perfect, will of God.

Teaching Purpose

Answers the question, "How should I understand this verse?" Is the passage dealing with a:

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<u>Sin</u> to confess and forsake?	<u>Promise</u> to claim?	<u>Example</u> to follow?	<u>Command</u> to obey?	<u>Situation</u> or <u>State of mind</u> to avoid before it develops into a sin?

Sermonic Principle(s)

Answers the question, “What’s in it, or what’s the take away for me?”

- 1) **Language.....Matters!!**
Context.....Matters!!
Words.....Matter!!
- 2) **The FIRST and MOST IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE is YOU!**
- 3) **YOU...your BODY (literally and symbolically) is of Supreme Importance To GOD!**
- 4) **A LIVING SACRIFICE...means**
 - a) **A Constant / Continuous Sacrifice!**
 - b) **The Sacrifice of your BODY wherever your BODY is!**
 - c) **That the BODY Sacrifices its own desires and LIVES for GOD!**
 - d) **That the BODY LIVES for GOD by serving GOD and GOD...ALONE!**

5) **WHY** ... should a **BELIEVER** / a **CHILD OF GOD** present HIS / HER **BODY** to GOD?

- a) The dedication of the **BODY** is **ACCEPTABLE** to GOD.
- b) The dedication of the **BODY** to GOD is the **BELIEVER'S REASONABLE SERVICE.**

6) **CHARACTERISTICS** of **A LIVING SACRIFICE** ARE ...

- 1) Obedience to The FATHER;
- 2) Willingness to YIELD EVERYTHING to The FATHER;
- 3) NO ARGUING with or COMPLAINING to The FATHER;
- 4) NO EXPLANATIONS by THE FATHER...REQUIRED;
- 5) RAISED to enter into a NEW KIND OF LIFE...
WORSHIPPING THE FATHER
SERVING THE FATHER and
MINISTERING to OTHERS!

7) **A LIVING SACRIFICE...**

Elevates Life and Affirms Life!

8) The **LIVING SACRIFICE** which we are to offer Our **LORD** (who died for US) is

a) the willingness to surrender ALL of our HOPES to HIM

b) the willingness to surrender ALL of our PLANS to HIM

c) the willingness to surrender EVERYTHING that is PRECIOUS to us...

EVERYTHING of human IMPORTANCE to us...

EVERYTHING that is LIFE FULFILLING to us...

TO HIM!

9) The **“Human Example”** of The **LIVING SACRIFICE** are: Abraham and Isaac
Mary and Joseph

10) The **“Perfect Example”** of The **LIVING SACRIFICE** is The LORD Jesus Christ.

11) **R/R/NF The FIRST and MOST IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE is YOU!**

ACTION POINT!!

Having heard and understood this teaching, answers the question,
What should I do?

LIVE LIKE IT!

There is **Only One** Right Response to the Truth that has been taught... in your hearing TODAY

WORSHIP HIM (Definition)

- Respond to Him **with** ALL that you are

Mind/Emotions/Will/Body **to** ALL that GOD is/says/does!

Which Looks Like... Submit to HIM!

Yield to HIM!

Align yourself with HIM!

Line Up under HIM!

Build your LIFE UPON HIM!

Build your LIFE AROUND HIM!

Center your LIFE IN HIM!

R / R / NF

The GREATEST Expression of WORSHIP is

The SMALLEST act of OBEDIENCE!

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John 4:23

***But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true
worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and
in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.***

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