

Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool

A SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE / PRAISE

Hebrews 13:9-16 (v. 15)

“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.”

Teaching Purpose

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

S	P	E	C	S
<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?”

As GOD’s people today, we are a **HOLY PRIESTHOOD** offering **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES** acceptable to GOD **through** THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

(1 Peter 2:5)...

So...what are **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES**?

a) they are **NOT NECESSARILY NONMATERIAL** (although some of them are)

b) The **SPIRITUAL** in **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE** means “**of a **SPIRITUAL QUALITY**, or **RELATED to THE SPIRIT!**”**

c) If...what we offer is offered **SINCERELY **(TO)** GOD**
****(IN)** THE SPIRIT**
****THROUGH** THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,**
then our offerings / our gifts are acceptable to GOD... ****(as)** **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES!****

- d) It is the **character and attitude** of the giver that gives **value** to the offering **(Mark 12:41-44)**...
- e) The first **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE** that we offer to GOD is **US** **(Romans 12:1-2)**
- f) The second **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE** that we offer to GOD is **Prayer** **(Psalm 141:2)**...
“Let My **PRAYER** be setforth before thee as **incense**; and the lifting up of my **HANDS** as the **Evening Sacrifice.**”
- g) The third **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE** that we offer to GOD is **PRAISE** **(Hebrews 13:15)**
“By HIM therefore let US offer the sacrifice of **praise** to GOD **continually**, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to HIS **NAME.**”

h) Our GOD **demands** the **sacrifice** of our **praise** not in the form of ritual or ceremony, but in word, the fruit of lips that give thanks to **HIS NAME**

Psalm 7:17 - I will **praise** the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing **praise** to the name of the LORD most high.

Psalm 43:5 - Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet **praise** him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 108:3 - I will **praise** thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing **praises** unto thee among the nations.

i) As Christians, our **praise** is to be offered **continually** in every circumstance or in spite of any circumstance

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - In everything give thanks: for this is the will of GOD in Christ Jesus concerning you.

So WTPT? HTPP!

WORSHIP HIM (Definition)

- Respond to **THE LORD** **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!

*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.*

*The **GREATEST**
Expression of **LOVE**
is*

*The **daily(est) act of**
OBEDIENCE!*

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***JOHN 14:15**
(WORDS OF JESUS)*

***“IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP
MY COMMANDMENTS.”***

*The **GREATEST**
Expression of **PRAISE**
is*

*The **humblest act of**
OBEDIENCE!*

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MATTHEW 15:8

*This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth,
And honoureth me with their lips;
but their heart is far from me.*