

ON-GOING Sacrifices? ~ Hebrews 13:15-17

→ Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:13-17

INTRODUCTION

Hebrews 10:11-12 (NIV) Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can NEVER take away sins. ¹² But when THIS PRIEST had offered for ALL time ONE sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God.

Hebrews 13:11-12 (NLT) Under the OLD system, the high priest brought the blood of animals into the Holy Place as a sacrifice for sin, and the bodies of the animals were burned outside the camp. ¹² So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates to make His people holy by means of His own blood.

SACRIFICE of Praise ~ Hebrews 13:15

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name.

John 14:6 (NIV) ...I am the WAY and the TRUTH and the LIFE. No one comes to the Father except THROUGH ME.

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Hebrews 10:12 (JBP) But this man, after offering ONE sacrifice for sins FOREVER, took His seat at God's right hand, from that time offering NO MORE sacrifice...

Matthew 5:17 (NLT) Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did NOT come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose.

APPLICATION

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us **CONTINUALLY** offer to God a **SACRIFICE** of praise

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (HCS) Rejoice always. Pray constantly. Give thanks IN everything, for this IS God's will for you IN Christ Jesus.

¹⁸ ...give Thanks IN all circumstances; for this is the WILL of God in Christ Jesus FOR YOU. (ESV)

For three things **I thank God every day of my life**: 1- thanks that He has given me knowledge of His works; 2- deep thanks that He has set in my darkness the lamp of faith; 3- deepest thanks that I have another life to look forward to a life joyous with light and flowers and heavenly song. LABC

¹⁵ ...let us **CONTINUALLY** offer to **God a sacrifice of PRAISE...**

SACRIFICE by Doing GOOD and SHARING with those in Need ~ Hebrews 13:16

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (ESV)

Acts of kindness and sharing our resources are particularly pleasing to God, even when they go unnoticed. LABC

→ I am called to PRAISE and Worship God - Do GOOD - SHARE with those in NEED

APPLICATION

Hebrews 6:10 (NIV) God is not unjust; He will NOT forget your work and the love you have shown HIM AS you have helped His people and continue to help them.

SACRIFICES of Praise

- WORSHIP public Confession of Jesus as Lord vs. 15
- doing GOOD vs. 16
- SHARING in the Practical Needs of Others vs. 16

2 Thessalonians 3:13 (HCS) Brothers, do not grow WEARY in Doing GOOD.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV) Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

SACRIFICE of Praise

- LIPS that acknowledge - confess Him vs. 15
- LIVES that match our Words vs. 16

➔ **God** wants **MORE** than just our **LIPS** - He wants our **HEARTS** and **LIVES**

¹⁵ Our constant sacrifice to God should be the PRAISE of lips that give thanks to His Name. ¹⁶ Yet we should not forget to do GOOD and to SHARE our good things with others, for these too are the sort of sacrifices God will accept. (JBP)

Leaders and Followers ~ Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Colossians 1:28 (HCS) We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, SO THAT we may present everyone mature in Christ.

APPLICATION

1 Peter 5:2-3 (NIV) Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it OVER those entrusted to you, but being **EXAMPLES** to the flock.

James 3:1 (NIV) Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

Good Followers...

- PRAY for their Leaders
- seek to FOLLOW well
- seek to HONOR God BY their submission and obedience
- take care of DIFFICULTIES one on one
- seek God's BEST for their Leaders
- seek to help their Leaders THRIVE

TAKE AWAY ??

➔ We are called to PRAISE and Worship God - to Do GOOD - to SHARE with those in NEED

Psalms 51:16-17 (NLT) You do not desire a SACRIFICE, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifice You DESIRE is a broken spirit. You will NOT REJECT a broken and repentant heart, O God.

¹⁷ ...will not despise a broken and HUMBLED heart. (HCS)

¹⁵ Our constant sacrifice to God SHOULD BE the praise of lips that give thanks to His Name. ¹⁶ Yet we should NOT FORGET to do good and to share our good things with others, for these too are the sort of sacrifices God will accept. (JBP)

We should offer Sacrifices to Him Constable

- PRAISE and Worship - Lift up His Name
- Doing GOOD
- SHARING what we have with those in NEED
- giving Him OURSELVES Rm. 12:1