

Series: Hebrews

Lesson # 72

Title: LET US OFFER THE SACRIFICE

Scripture: Hebrews 13: 15

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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.

V15: BY HIM

The Holy Spirit declares to us that if we want to come to God the Father to thank him for the riches of his grace, worked out and finished for us in the person of Christ Jesus his Son, then we no longer have to bring a bullock, but we can only come to thank God FOR HIS SON, BY HIS SON.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Do you desire to thank God for Christ our Mediator? Then you come in the Mediator. Do you desire to thank God for Christ bearing your sin away? Then you come by the blood of Jesus. Do you desire to thank God for Christ Interceding on your behalf? Then you come in Christ your Intecessor. **Colossians 3:17: And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.**

V15: BY HIM THEREFORE (look back to those scriptures we have covered to see why)

V10: Because by Christ our Altar we have been perfected; V12: Because by Christ's suffering for us without the gate, with his own blood, he has made us holy; **Hebrews 10:19: Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, let us draw near with full assurance...**

V15: BY HIM THEREFORE LET US OFFER THE SACRIFICE

We have been taught that true faith and service to God is spiritual and not fleshly.

1. Spiritual worship involves the heart and God's grace--not fleshly, carnal services.
2. Spiritual worship involves coming to Christ our Altar--not some earthly altar.
3. Our meat is spiritual, Christ the Bread, not the things below

So since we do not look to an earthly priest, to physical sacrifices of the law--then what can the believer offer?

Anyone who has tasted of the Lord's grace desires to praise God for how thankful we are! That is the reason God has saved us but the sacrifices are, you guessed it, spiritual: **1 Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.**

V15: 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.

Hosea 14:2: Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive *us* graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

1. Praise his name and magnify him--

Psalm 69:30: I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. 31: *This* also shall please the LORD better than an ox *or* bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

Isaiah 42:8: I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Matthew 6: 9: After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

2. Praise his goodness and wonderful works toward his children:

Psalm 107:21: Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! 22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

Read Psalm 136. _Psalm 136:1: **O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever...*** God of gods and Lord of lords, by wisdom he created the heavens and the earth, he delivered Israel through the Red Sea and destroyed Pharaoh and his army, remembered us in our low estate, redeemed us from our enemies, giveth food to all flesh--for his mercy endureth forever!

Psalm 145:17: The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

Isaiah 12:2: Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation.

V15: BY HIM THEREFORE LET US OFFER THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE TO GOD CONTINUALLY

Matthew 6:33: But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness

The word "first" means "continually." Every day; no matter our condition; Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever--our God does not change; His goodness toward us does not change. Therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually.

In 1871 after the Chicago fire, Horatio Spafford, sent his family to Europe, planning to meet them all there later. Halfway across the Atlantic their ship was struck by another vessel and Mrs. Spafford saw her 4 daughters disappear in the cold, current of the waters. She was

knocked unconscious but managed to hang on to a piece of wood and survived. She sent a message to her husband, "Saved alone."

As soon as he could, Mr. Spafford took a ship to meet her. At the spot where his 4 daughters had drowned the Lord gave him these words:

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

V15: 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.

And then when you have thanked him FOR CHRIST BY CHRIST, then thank him again for giving you the heart to offer up such praise and thanksgiving for he says: **Isaiah 57:19: I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to *him that is far off*, and to *him that is near*, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.**