Theme : Delight the Father as True Worshippers

John 4:23-24

23But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."



Offerings - Sacrifices

None shall appear before ME empty handed! [Exodus 23:15] All believers in Christ are called to be priests.
 In the OT, God called the nation of Israel to be His nation of priests.

Exodus 19:5-6

5Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then <u>you shall be a Special treasure to Me</u> above all people; for all the earth is Mine. 6And <u>you shall be</u> to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.

- I. All believers in Christ are called to be priests.
 - 2. In the NT, all <u>believers in Christ</u> are called to be God's nation of priests.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a <u>royal priesthood</u>, a holy nation, His own special people, <u>that you may proclaim</u> <u>the praises of Him</u> who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light ...

I. All believers in Christ are called to be priests.

3. All believers as priests have a responsibility to <u>offer gifts</u> and <u>sacrifices</u> unto the Lord.

1 Peter 2:5

you also, as **living stones**, are being built up a spiritual house, a **holy priesthood**, to **offer up spiritual sacrifices** <u>acceptable</u> to God <u>through Jesus Christ</u>.

- I. All believers in Christ are called to be priests.
 - 4. In the OT, the offerings were <u>natural</u> sacrifices that were **types** and **shadows** of the **reality in <u>Christ</u>**.
 - In the NT, the offerings are <u>spiritual</u> in nature and involve our <u>whole</u> being - body, soul and spirit.

1 Peter 2:5

... to offer up <u>Spiritual</u> sacrifices <u>acceptable</u> to God <u>through Jesus Christ</u>.

1. The offering of ourselves.

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to **offer your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

1. The offering of ourselves.

Romans 6:13

And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but **present yourselves to God** as being alive from the dead, and **your members as instruments of righteousness to God**.

1. The offering of ourselves.

- A. Our Mind E. Our Hearts
- B. Our Eyes
- **C.** Our Ears
- **D.** Our Mouths

- F. Our Hands
- G. Our Feet

Let us do that NOW! Dedicate to God the areas of your body to be instruments of righteousness!

2. The offering of our time.

Ephesians 5:16-17

... redeeming the time ... Understand the Lord's will ...

Psalm 90:12

So teach us to **number our days**, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Intentional living or Accidental living

Let us do that NOW!

Reflect on your schedule – daily, weekly, monthly ... intentional or random?

- II. As a true worshipper, we make five spiritual offerings in our <u>bodily-natural</u> realm:
 - 3. The offering of our <u>substance money</u> in:
 ✓ Tithes Matthew 23:23; Hebrews 7:8
 ✓ Offerings
 - ✓ Alms

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 - A. Know the difference between bread and <u>seed</u>.

2 Corinthians 9:10

Now may He who supplies <u>seed</u> to the sower, and <u>bread for food</u>, supply and multiply the <u>seed</u> you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness.

A. Know the difference between bread and <u>seed</u>. i. Bread is for <u>consumption</u>.

Tea-Break	Dinner	Breakfast	Rental	Lunch	Supper	
Water & Electricity Bill		Bus and MRT Fares		s Taxi F	Taxi Fare	
	Allowance for Children			Maintenance of Bicycle - Motorcycle - Car - Van		

A. Know the difference between bread and <u>seed</u>.
ii. Seed is for <u>sowing</u>.
We always have seed to sow.

2 Corinthians 9:10

Now may He who **supplies seed** to the sower, and bread for food, **supply and multiply the seed** you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness. B. Of all [100%] that God has given to us, He only ask His people to pay the <u>Tithe</u>.

1 Chronicles 29:14b For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You

The tithe is the first 10% of our income and increase of whatever the Lord has given to us.



C. When we tithe, God will <u>sanctify</u> the remaining 90% of what we have received.

Malachi 3:11 "And I will <u>rebuke the devourer</u> for your sakes, so that he will <u>not destroy the fruit of your ground</u>, <u>nor</u> shall the <u>vine fail</u> to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts.

Matthew 6:20

but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where <u>neither moth</u> <u>nor rust destroys</u> and where <u>thieves do not break in and steal</u>.

- **D.** Anything above the tithe is our **offering**.
- E. Look for opportunities to give <u>alms</u> to the relatively <u>poor</u> and the <u>needy</u> beginning with our families, those in BBTC and those who cross our paths.

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Galatians 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us **do good to all**, **especially** to those who are of the **household of faith**. How to give **alms** to the relatively **poor** and **the needy**? Transport Fares School Fees Utility Bills Buy School Uniform Pay for Expenses Food **Pocket Money Allowance** Buy an electrical appliance Buy the tissue packs sold by the blind or needy person moving from table to table in the foodcourt / coffeeshop Galatians 2:10 They desired only that we should **remember the poor**,

the very thing which I also was eager to do.

BBTC Fund for Poor and Needy

Let us bring our tithes and offerings!

4. The offering of our good works.

Hebrews 13:16

But do not forget to **do good** and to **share**, for with such **sacrifices God is well pleased**.

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Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Matthew 5:16

- II. As a true worshipper, we make five spiritual offerings in our <u>bodily-natural</u> realm:
 - The offering of our fruit of sharing the full Gospel of God.
- **Romans 15:16** (NIV)

... to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. He gave me the **priestly duty** of **proclaiming the gospel of God**, so that the **Gentiles** might **become an Offering** acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

The offering of our fruit of sharing the full Gospel of God.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed ...

- II. As a true worshipper, we make five spiritual offerings in our <u>bodily-natural</u> realm:
 - The offering of our fruit of sharing the full Gospel of God.
- Acts 26:18
- to **open their eyes**, in order to turn them **from darkness to light**, and from the **power of Satan to God**, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.

Let us do that NOW! Reflect and Commit to God those you will do <u>good works</u> and those you will <u>reach out</u> to.

1. The offering of thanksgiving.

Psalm 107:22

Let them sacrifice the **sacrifices of thanksgiving**, and declare His works with rejoicing.

Romans 1:21

1. The offering of thanksgiving.

Psalm 116:17

I will offer to You the **sacrifice of thanksgiving**, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

Ephesians 5:20

1 Thessalonians 5:18

2. The offering of joy.

Psalm 27:6

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer **Sacrifices of joy** in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

Philippians 4:4

- 3. The offering of **praise**.
- Hebrews 13:15

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the **sacrifice of praise** to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. Let us <u>SAY</u> and <u>SING</u> our Thanksgiving, Joy and Praise to the LORD! IV. As a true worshipper, we make one primary offering in our <u>spirit</u> realm: The offering or the sacrifice of a <u>broken</u> and a contrite heart.

Psalm 51:17 The <u>sacrifices of God</u> are a <u>broken spirit</u>, a <u>broken</u> <u>and a contrite heart</u>— these, O God, You will not despise. The offering or the sacrifice of a **broken** and a **contrite heart**.

Isaiah 57:15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a <u>contrite and humble spirit</u>, to revive the <u>spirit of the humble</u>, and to revive the <u>heart of</u> <u>the contrite ones</u>. IV. As a true worshipper, we make one primary offering in our <u>spirit</u> realm: The offering or the sacrifice of a <u>broken</u> and a <u>contrite heart</u>.

Isaiah 66:2b But on this one will I look: On him who is **poor and of** <u>a contrite spirit</u>, and who <u>trembles at My word</u>.

Bottom Line

What Hinders us from Offering Freely to the LORD?

1. PRIDE-SELF centeredness

2 Timothy 3:1-4

1But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God ...

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1 Chronicles 21:24

Then King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will surely **buy it** for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing."

Bottom LineWhat Hinders us from Offering Freely to the LORD?2. Not INTENTIONAL

Psalm 54:6 I will <u>freely</u> sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

Bottom Line What Hinders us from Offering Freely to the LORD? 3. Not <u>CONSECRATED</u> to God

Psalm 50:5 (NIV)

Gather to Me My **consecrated** ones, who **made a covenant with Me by sacrifice**.

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Deuteronomy 16:16b-17

16 ... they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. 17Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

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