

How Bad Do You Want It? **Sacrifice * Saturation * Service**

II Chronicles 7:14 AMP

14 If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, pray, seek, crave, and require of necessity My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.

SACRIFICE: The surrender of destruction of something prized or desirable for the sake of something considered as having a higher or more pressing claim. The thing so surrendered or devoted.

God is going to require something of us!

<< **Solomon** >>

Sacrifice Brings Wisdom, and Sacrifice must be the FIRST THING!

Solomon was taking over leadership after his dad, David. The FIRST thing he did was offer 1,000 burnt offerings on the alter at a tent meeting.

II Chronicles 1:6-12

6 Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the Lord at the Tent of Meeting and offered 1,000 burnt offerings on it.

7 That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, Ask what I shall give you.

8 And Solomon said to God, You have shown great mercy and loving-kindness to David my father and have made me king in his place.

9 Now, O Lord God, let Your promise to David my father be fulfilled, for you have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.

10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can rule this Your people who are so great?

11 God replied to Solomon, Because this was in your heart and you have not asked for riches, possessions, honor, and glory, or the life of your foes, or even for long life, but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may rule and judge My people over whom I have made you king,

12 Wisdom and knowledge are granted you. And I will give you riches, possessions, honor, and glory, such as none of the kings had before you, and none after you shall have their equal.

<< **Abraham** >>

Sacrifice TESTS where your loyalty lies.

Abraham was asked to give up his promise, his one and only son. God asked him to lay the promise on the alter and kill it!

Genesis 22:5 AMP

And Abraham said to his servants, Settle down and stay here with the donkey, and I and the young man will go yonder and worship and come again to you.

- Not everyone can make the journey of sacrifice with you!
- Sacrifice requires you to get alone with God and the promise.

- Don't get so caught up in the "WHAT" that God has told you.... That you forget to TRUST GOD & OBEY!
"Trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, than to trust and obey!"

In Sacrifice, God Will Provide!

Genesis 22:8 AMP

Abraham said, My son, God Himself will provide a lamb for the burnt offering. So the two went on together.

Sacrifice Builds Trust Between You and God!

God knew he could trust Abraham with the promise.

Genesis 22:16-17 AMP

16 And said, I have sworn by Myself, says the Lord, that since you have done this and have not withheld [from Me] or begrudged [giving Me] your son, your only son,

17 In blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants like the stars of the heavens and like the sand on the seashore. And your Seed (Heir) will possess the gate of His enemies,

<< You & I >>

Romans 12:1 AMP

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a **decisive dedication** of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is **your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship**.

Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

It's our reasonable service to dedicate OUR EVERYTHING to God!

It's an ACTIVE DECISION that must be made!

It requires SEPERATION FROM THE WORLD and AN OPEN MIND!

- We must ask God for a NEW WAY OF WALKING!
- We must ask God for a NEW WAY OF TALKING!
- We must ask God for a NEW WAY OF THINKING!
- We must ask God for a NEW WAY OF PRAISING!

- o Hebrews 13:15 AMP

Through Him, therefore, let us constantly and at all times offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge and confess and glorify His Name.

<< Search it Out >> This week, you're encouraged to read & study...

II Chronicles Chapters 1 – 7 Genesis 22 Romans 12

When you want it as much as you want to breathe.... Then, you'll be successful!