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**HOW TO TURN  
THANKS-GIVING  
INTO THANKS-LIVING**



## **Psalm 107:21:22**

**Let them give thanks to the Lord for His loving-kindness, and for His wonders to the sons of men!**

**<sup>22</sup> Let them also offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of His works with joyful singing.**

**(KJ) And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing**



# HOW TO TURN THANKS-GIVING INTO THANKS-LIVING

**Shakespeare said, "How sharper than a serpent's  
tooth it is to have a thankless child."**

**Milton said, "A person with an ungrateful spirit only  
has one vice, because all of the rest of his vices are  
virtues compared to ingratitude"**



## **1 Peter 2**

**Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, <sup>2</sup> like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, <sup>3</sup> if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord. <sup>4</sup> And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,**



## 1 Peter 2

<sup>5</sup> you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Peter says because the believer is a priest, we are to offer up sacrifices to God



# HOW TO TURN THANKSGIVING INTO THANKS-LIVING BY OFFERING FIVE SACRIFICES

Romans 12:1

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.



# HOW TO TURN THANKSGIVING INTO THANKS-LIVING BY OFFERING FIVE SACRIFICES

Romans 12:2

**And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.**



# 1. The sacrifice of our person

- Voluntarily
- Completely



# **OLD TESTAMENT SACRIFICES**

**In the Old Testament, a sacrifice was placed upon the altar and it was bound by two hooks**

**The two hooks that will keep us bound to the altar of sacrifice are**



# OLD TESTAMENT SACRIFICES

- Devotion
- Discipline



## **2.The Sacrifice of Praise**

**Hebrews 13:15**

**Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.**



## **2.The Sacrifice of Praise**

**Psalm 69:30-31**

**I will praise the name of God with song  
and magnify Him with thanksgiving.**

**<sup>31</sup> And it will please the Lord better than an**

**OX**

***or* a young bull with horns and hoofs.**



## **2. The sacrifice of Praise**

### **Hebrews 13**

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**Psalm 34:1**

**I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise  
shall continually be in my mouth**

**Psalm 119:108**

**O accept the freewill offerings of my mouth,  
O Lord**



# The Sacrifices we offer to God

1. Our bodies as a living sacrifice, that's our person
2. The sacrifice of praise
3. The sacrifice of Prayer



### **3. The sacrifice of Prayer**

**Psalm 141:2**

**Let my prayer be set before You as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening  
sacrifice.**



### **3. The sacrifice of Prayer**

**Our prayers are to be like incense and the evening sacrifice**

**Revelation 5 tells us that incense is the prayer of the saints**



# **The Old Testament Tabernacle**

## **Sacrifices**

**The brazen altar was in the outer court and  
the fire was kindled from heaven**

**Inside the tabernacle there would be  
candelabra on one side and on the other  
side would be a table with shewbread**



# The Old Testament Tabernacle

## Sacrifices

**The candelabra pictures Christ as our sight**

**The showbread pictures Christ as our sustenance**



# The Old Testament Tabernacle sacrifices

The golden altar is right in front of the curtain and behind that curtain is the holy of holies. That's where the **SHEKINAH GLORY** was

The golden altar was kindled by fire from the brazen altar



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1. Our bodies-that's our person
2. Our praise
3. Our prayer



## 4. The Sacrifice of possessions

Hebrews 13:16

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

**What does the word communicate mean?**



# 4. The Sacrifice of possessions

Hebrews 13:16

The word “communicate” means

- To share
- To be generous
- To be liberal

To distribute



## 4. The Sacrifice of possessions

Philippians 4:8

"The gifts that were sent from you were a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God."

Proverbs 13:9

Honor the Lord with the first fruits of thy  
increase



## 4. The Sacrifice of possessions

**Malachi 1:8**

**When you give blind animals as sacrifices, isn't that wrong? And isn't it wrong to offer animals that are crippled and diseased? Try giving gifts like that to your governor, and see how pleased he is!" says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.**



# The Sacrifices we offer to God

1. Our bodies, that's our person

2. Our praise

3. Our prayer

4. Our possessions



## 5. The sacrifice of purity

Psalm 51:17

**"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."**



## **5. The sacrifice of purity**

**Psalm 51: 1**

**Have mercy upon me, Oh God, according to thy loving kindness, according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions**

**Romans 2:4**

**The goodness of God leads us to repentance**



# The Five Sacrifices of Thanksgiving

1. The sacrifice of our person
2. The sacrifice of praise
3. The sacrifice of prayer
4. The sacrifice of possessions
5. The sacrifice of purity