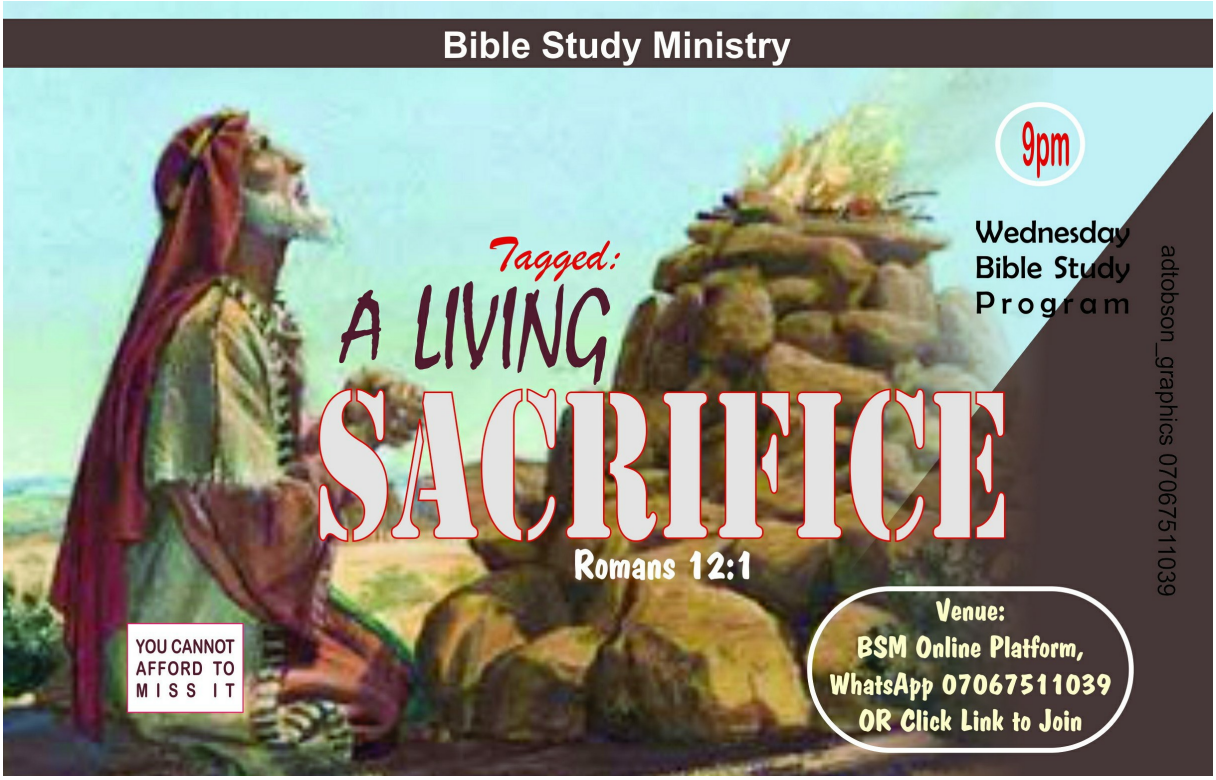


Topic: A LIVING SACRIFICE

Bible Text: Romans 12:1

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Romans 12:1 KJV

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Apostle Paul was the one speaking here...

He is pleading with us (who are brothers and sisters in Christ) that was why he used the word brethren. This implies that there is a category of people he is referring to.

Please follow me

He did not say that everybody in the world or only adults or only ladies, he did not specify the gender. But the only thing he specified was the category of people. Whom are Christians (brethren).

This also means that if you are not a brethren in Christ, it does not concern you. In fact what

ever thing he is talking about has nothing to do with you.

Are you there?

Now, if you fall under the category of those who are saved by Christ's blood then you are to listen to what he is telling you carefully. Truthfully, for him to be pleading to you before even saying anything, it means it must be an important information he is planning to give to you, if then you do not listen, how'd you understand and practice what he would say?

He said, the reason why am begging you, the reason why am pleading with you is that I want you to present your bodies as A LIVING SACRIFICE. does that make sense to you?

Why would Apostle Paul be begging you to present your body as a sacrifice when it is not a lamb, a goat, a fowl or a sheep...

Ahan...

We all know what a sacrifice is na, at least some of us must have come across some sacrifices placed at a T-junction

Some are prepared with palm oil, eggs, head of a dog/goat, some fowls, yams among others but there is something that is usually common to these sacrifices, they are always dead things, not living things.

But apostle is now telling us to be a living sacrifice, which can also be referred to as a mobile sacrifice, a sacrifice that walks about.

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Please listen

God is not pleased with stinking sacrifices even before Jesus Christ came, those times when sacrifices were offered to God in the old testament, God usually guide them towards offering the right ones that would please Him. And he would reject any one that does not please Him, just like the case of Cain and Abel. Cain's sacrifice was rejected because it was an unreasonable service to God.

Listen

Just in the same way, many people keep on offering stinking sacrifices to God nowadays, offering of sacrifices did not stop in the old testament, it continued in the new, but not like the killing of animals and the likes, but in the way we present our lives to God...

I would like you to know that, if you present your body in a manner that does not please God, you

are offering a dead and strange sacrifice to God..

This verse is telling us about the importance of how we present our bodies, it is not talking about our hearts, soul, and spirit, these are invisible parts of our lives, our bodies are visible and God is telling us that it is as important as the other parts.

This is against the common teaching that God is concerned about our hearts and that whichever way we use our bodies does not concern him.

Please follow me

If our bodies does not matter then, what houses the spirit and soul?, why would apostle Paul be telling us to present it in a particular kind of way.

Why must we present it in the first place, hmmm this is also telling you and I that presenting our bodies holy and acceptable to God is very important to him, because he sees it as our reasonable service

The bible makes some emphasis on the body in different portions of the scriptures,

1 Corinthians 6:15 says

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

This tells us how importantly we have to guide our bodies

But do you know that these days may people have been offering dead instead of living sacrifices to God unknowingly to them, just because of what they have always been taught.

We as brethren as apostle Paul referred to us, we are different, we cannot present our bodies the way the world present theirs.

I do say something that if you get to a place and people start to ask you if you are a Christian... You have failed.

Because, whenever you see a soldier in town, you don't need to ask him if he is a soldier or not because through his dressing you would certainly know, same with doctors and lawyers among others.

Please follow this

Look at yourself now, I mean the way you do appear... Is it different from those you call unbelievers around you? How do you treat your body, is it presentable to God, can you call it holy?

That tight fitted trousers and skirt (having a cut too) that cause lust in the heart of guys around

you, please ask yourself is it holy and pleasing to God?, are you sure that you have not been offering a stinking sacrifice to God with your body?

You know in your heart that you are putting it on to seduce guys, because whenever you put it on your back side would come out so much that even the lines of your underwear can be easily seen yet you keep on saying God is not concerned about what I wear, sister I am officially telling you now that you are offering a dead sacrifice to God with your body, the scriptures says that you should not cause the fall of another person but you are doing that.

Your top still reveals the line that divides your breast, tight top you put on too is showing the lines of your bra... Hmmm, and you are not sober, this is not a pleasing sacrifice to God.

You are doing this because you feel if you don't, you will see nobody to marry you... So because of a guy you have decided to turn to God's enemy, you now stink before Him, yet you go to church to raise up holy hands, convincing yourself that God is happy with you.

Do you know that whenever you do not look the way God expects you to look your worship and praise would send stinking smell to God not sweet aroma.

This is the major reason why a lot of people still experience more difficult problems even after they think that they have worshipped God well. Instead of blessings God would just take his eyes away from such people...

As a brother too, you are now the replica of ungodly people around you, they barb afro, it is that same afro that is on your head too, they barb gallas, Obama, around the city and every latest hairstyles, and you too continue to do it with them, is that how to present a living sacrifice???, but you keep on deceiving yourself pointing at different people whom you say are men of God that barb these styles, you have made them your standard for making heaven neglecting God's standard, you refuse to recognize the point that they are also humans like you that can make mistakes.

Crazy jeans too is among your style, after all the bible does not mention crazy Jeans, you too now sag saying Christ does not say that we should not do nigga... That you are a nigga for Christ... Hmmm. Stop offering a dead sacrifice to God through your body, stop it, God is not happy with you... You smell before him.

Something happened today,

A girl was sitting beside a guy who was not far from me, the friend of the guy was there too, I was able to hear part of their conversion, I do not know what the guy told the girl that made the girl to tell the guy that she is born again.

You won't believe what these guys told the girl, they told her not to repeat the statement again that, she said that she's born again and she puts on attachment, pointing at how she dressed too, she was wearing a trousers too. The girl could not say anything again, they even went to the

extent of telling her that she cannot be for God and at the same time be for the devil, these guys are not born again o... In fact you'd know with the way they were speaking.

They told her that if you do little of the works of the devil you will still go to hell, So why don't you obey God in full or obey the devil in full.

I was just wondering and surprised that even unbelievers know that there is a particular way God wants us to look, but many believers keep on deceiving themselves, may God help them...

Transparent clothes also amount to dead sacrifices, armpit exposing clothes also does not please God, he tells us to be Holy in our bodies, you don't display what God wants to be private for the whole world to see, if not, God will not accept it.

Do you still offer unreasonable services to God? You left your girlfriend/boyfriend's house after committing fornication and went straight to God's altar to sing, and pray, and even worship in that filthy state, yes, nobody saw you nor knew what you did but God saw everything but I am telling you tonight that that dirty body of yours is an unreasonable service to God.

You still masturbate and you keep on worshipping God in that state, you are still offering a dead sacrifice to God with your body.

You are not the owner of your body, God owns it. That is why he said that don't you know that your body is the temple of God, it must be kept holy, clean, presentably as a reasonable service to God. Because without these you would be stinking before God and you know the consequences of offering a bad sacrifice to God?

Look at what happened to Cain.

We would not face God's wrath in Jesus name...

QUESTION

Does wearing all these clothes within your house amount to sin also?

ANSWER

Thank you for this question.

Pleasing God does not only have to do with when we are outside, or only when people can see us to criticize or condemn us, but it also has to do with who we are in our houses, private places, even in our rooms when doors are shut.

I believe that for the fact that two unmarried people start to have sex in front of people in the

market that does not erase the fact that they are committing fornication, either done in the secret or done in the open, it remains fornication.

God weighs every sin equally, Being a living sacrifice to God has to do with us presenting our bodies to him holy 24/7 without reserves.

The end

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