

LIVING SACRIFICES

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Topic:
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Bible Text: Romans 12:1

Prayer

Heavenly father we thank for this day and for this session of teaching. Holy Ghost makes available our heart to listen, learn and apply your word for tonight in Jesus name. Amen

Introduction

I welcome you all once again in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Bible Text

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.

Study

Apostle Paul was the one speaking here. He is pleading with us (who are brothers and sisters in Christ); that's why he used the word brethren. This implies that there is a category of people he is referring to. 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: Christians (brethren). This also means that if you are not a brethren in Christ, it does not concern you. In fact, whatever thing he is talking about has nothing to do with you. 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 with you before even saying anything, it means it must be important information he is planning to give you. If you do not listen, how would you understand and practice what he would say?

He said, the reason why I am begging you, the reason why I 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; some of us must have come across some sacrifices placed at a T-junction. Some are prepared with palm oil, eggs, the 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 the 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.

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.

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 guided them towards offering the right ones that would please Him. And he would reject anyone 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. 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 in 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. If our bodies do 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? Hmm, this is also telling you and me 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 a harlot? God forbid." This tells us how importantly we have to guide our bodies. But do you know that these days many people have been offering death 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, are different; we cannot present our bodies the way the world presents 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.

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? Those tight-fitted trousers and skirts (having a cut too) that cause lust in the hearts 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 backside 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 say 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, the tight top you put on too is showing the lines of your bra... Hmm, 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, for the sake 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 a 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 galax, Obama, around the city and every latest hairstyle, 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 are 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 conversation. I do not know what the guy told the girl that made the girl 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 she's born again and she puts on attachment, pointing at how she dressed too; she was wearing 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. In fact, I know the way they were speaking. They told her that if you do a 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?

Transparent clothes also amount to dead sacrifices; armpit-exposing clothes also do not please God. He is in our bodies; you don't display what wants to be private for the whole world to see; if not, God will not accept it. 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.

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 the dirty body of yours is an unreasonable service to God. You still masturbate, and you keep on worshiping 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, don't you know that your body is the temple of God; it must be kept holy, clean, presentable 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.

We have come to the end of this study, please answer these questions if you followed the teaching

1. How we keep our bodies, does it matter to God, why?
2. What are some of the ways we can keep our bodies and make it stink before the Lord?
3. Can having a boyfriend or girlfriend stop one from being a living sacrifice unto God? Why?

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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