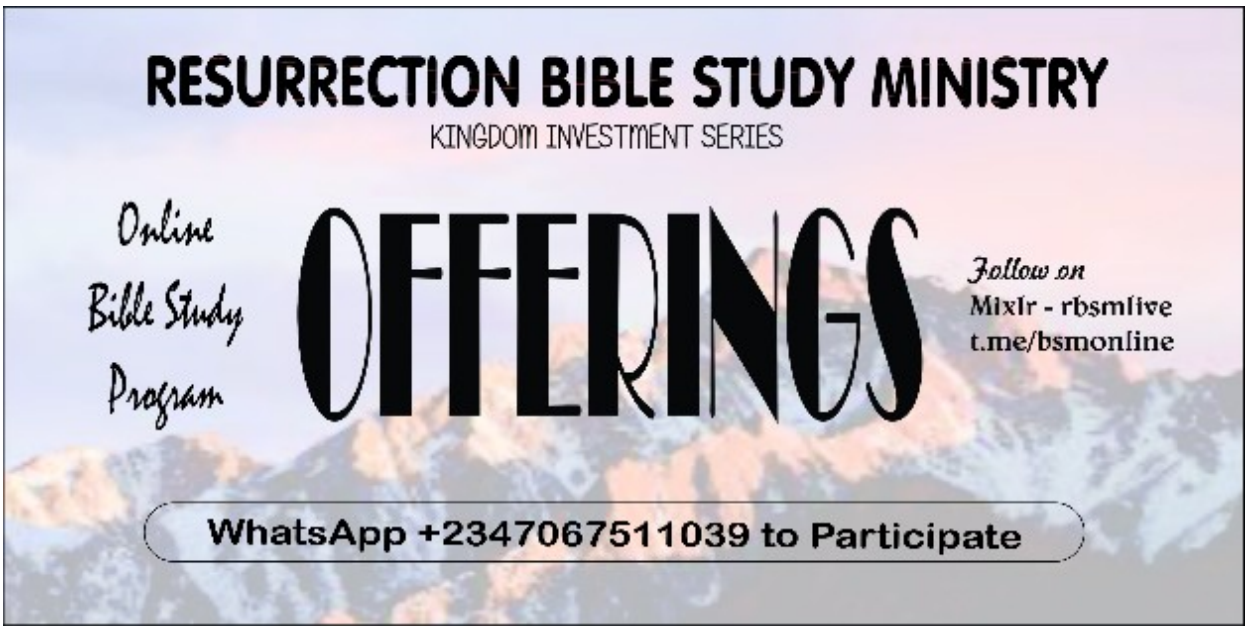


Topic:

OFFERINGS

Bible Text: Mark 12:41-44

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Dear reader, this study material you are about to read is in series, KINGDOM INVESTMENT SERIES and you can only get a full dose of it by reading the seven different topics under the series.They are Praise and Worship, Bible Study, Prayer, Evangelism, Offering, Tithe, and then Service, you can see details on how to get others at the end of this booklet. God bless you!

Opening Prayer

Dear father we thank you for grace, love and peace, We say that we love you and that you'd strengthen us, and open the eyes of our understanding as we go into the study of your word in Jesus name. Amen.

Study

I welcome everyone of us to tonight's study in the name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. We would be continuing with our series, the kingdom investment series. We have treated Praise & Worship, Bible study and tonight, we would be treating OFFERINGS. I would like us to position our hearts to the Lord in a way that would aid understanding, so that we will not be confused at the end of tonight's teaching but be energized, a very big thanks to God in the life of whom the Lord used yesterday to teach us more about the principles of kingdom investment. I'm sure that by now, we are getting more

understanding of how things work in heaven.

Brethren, I want you to know that, it is not only on earth that God's will is being done, but it is also done in heaven. And he wants His will to swallow our own will. There is no man who has devoted his life into seeking and doing the will of the Father that goes bankrupt, even Jesus Christ sought the will of His Father, that is why you'd see many of our Fathers in the faith, living enviable christian lives, I'm not taking about flamboyant lifestyles here but I tell you that there are some things you will do, that God will not have a choice than to bless you. Is someone with me? Please, let's look at what offering means in the first place, it is something that is given to God or a god as a part of religious worship. It is also an act of giving a religious offering.

From the above definition, we can take note of some specific keywords, which is "giving to God" I want us to take note that anything that is given in a bid to further God's work here on earth is offering and they do not go without rewards, because they send materials to heaven on our account. The truth is there are different kinds of offerings but the major aspect we would be concentrating on tonight is the act of giving to God.

Mark 12:41-44 KJV

'And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. [42] And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. [43] And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: [44] For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.'

Here we have the Lord Jesus Christ sitting over the treasury and watching all those who are dropping their offerings. I want us to understand that, that is exactly how God sits to see what we drop in the church as offerings. There are some churches that do not collect offerings, it is wrong and unbiblical. Offerings must be collected in the church of God because there are spiritual and physical blessings gotten from it. And as believers, giving our offerings is very important, we should not go into the house of God without offerings, It's so uncalled for. But when the church now lay the basis of its existence on offerings leaving the gospel truth aside, then there is a problem somewhere.

God owns everything in the world and even we ourselves, then why should we find it hard to give a portion out of the plenty He has given us, when I say this, I do not mean peanuts out of our abundance. God wants us to offer even bodies to Him as offering. 'Romans 12:1 we have talked about that here severally, on how God wants us to present our bodies before Him. Offering is an act of giving, Do you know that there are a lot of people who think that when they give offerings in Church they are doing so, so that the pastor will not starve of hunger, they think if they do not drop their offerings God does not have the resources to feed His servants. God loves a cheerful giver, this refers to giving to God and to men. There are some people who have the gift of giving, and they are stationed in the church to assist the needy in the church.

If you have the gift of giving or not, giving to God is important, because it is a law, when you give, you receive. Our focus is not on giving tonight, I just have to say some things about giving to aid better understanding, let's fire on as the Holy Ghost leads. Malachi 3:8 KJV 'Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.'Smiles, do you know why I'm smiling? I'm smiling because I'm not a Pastor and because I do not own a church, for those of you thinking this ministry is a church, I officially tell you today that it is not. So that you'd not start thinking that it's because I'm a pastor or I want your offerings that's why I'm teaching this tonight.

The word of God is the word of God and we must teach it the way it is. In that verse above we can see that God is bringing to our notice that many people have robbed Him. How did they rob Him, they refused to bring their offerings to God. I'm sure that we know that we cannot rob God and go scot free. We already know the consequences that follow those who do such. Malachi 3:9 'Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.'What is that curse? It is the curse of penury, curse of vanity, curse of sowing without reaping, curse of stagnancy etc. There is a mentality that is going on currently in the body of Christ which is very bad. People now open churches believing it is a money making center, therefore turning the church of the Living God into a business center and it is mostly done by those whom God has not called. I hope that we don't have such people here because we have talked about this before that if God does not call you, don't try it.

Looking at the story of that Widow whom Jesus Christ told His disciples about, there were many people who dropped more, it's just like having people who dropped, 100,000 Naira as offering not tithe o, and here we have someone who dropped 5 Naira as offering (apology to non-Nigerians, I hope you understand this) it is not because what the woman dropped was small that was why it was accepted but because it is her widows mite. Humanly speaking, we can be saying that Jesus Christ committed an error by saying this widow dropped more, because we humans look at the quantity, but God looks at the quality. We look at the physical value but God looks at the spiritual value. The state of one's mind while giving one's offerings to God really matters too. This woman gave more in God's sight because it was all she had, it means that those who dropped more had taken a little out of their abundance and for their offerings to carry the same value which that woman dropped, they would have to give all their millions.

With that single statement the Lord made about that woman, we are sure that she had sent more materials to heaven than the wealthy men present there. These things we are talking about tonight are what many people don't want to hear but it is the truth. Giving offerings are biblical. Apostle Paul gave offerings; Acts 24:17 KJV 'Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.' He gave it to God. Many people do not have a single room in heaven just because of their attitudes towards offerings.

When some people are going to church, they would take a monetary note that is torn

and dirty to church to give to God, the thing they cannot do to ordinary humans, can you take a blind goat to give to the king of your village as an offering or sacrifice a maimed goat to an ordinary idol, not to talk of God Almighty. That is how it is, God sits to see our offerings and to allocate rewards for it. Some people has been giving offerings for years and it does not add a single block to the construction of their homes in heaven. Just because of the way they go about it.

You cannot give God torn money as offering and expect reward, you cannot do eye service when you are giving your offering to God and expect rewards, in fact you have already received your rewards before men. There are a lot of people who are fond of this, and it is bad. They would bring out their offerings in front of the public so that people can see that they are dropping the highest denomination of money. Kai! what a pity! You are to always keep clean notes for God as offerings and it should be quality amounts out of what you have at that point in time. God sees, and he would repay you. Do you know that there are some places you can drop your offering that God will never accept them. Examples of such places, all false churches, Catholic churches, Enchanker, Church of Satan, churches that burn incense, and pray with candles, churches that offer prayers to the dead among others.

Why God will never accept such offerings is because God is not in such churches in the first place, and it is because such offerings would only promote the works of the devil and God and the devil are two parallel lines that can never stay together. Do you know that these days, because most churches now make use of offering envelopes, many now sees this as an advantage. They would not put anything into these envelopes and they would put it into the offering basket, this is an act of deception! and it is one of the natures of the devil. If you do that please stop with immediate effect, it is very bad.

Teach your children to give offerings to God, there are some children whom their parents would give offering money to, but they would go and use it to buy biscuit secretly, parents monitor your children because if such child dies in that state it is hell fire straight, stealing would be recorded on his/her behalf. Teach your children, let them know the blessings attached to giving to God right from their tender ages. What is your reaction towards offerings? If God even decides to say that it is the offerings everyone of us have dropped in church since we have been saved that would be used to feed us in heaven, won't you be among those who would die of hunger? This is rhetorical, not biblical, it's just a question for thought.

Change your attitude towards offering if it has always been wrong, so that your investment in heaven will be more and recognized. This is where I would stop for tonight because of our time. God bless you.

Dear Reader,

Do you give offerings in the right way or not, haven't you been wasting your efforts? Remember that it is only those who have Christ in their lives that can make heavenly investments. If there is anyway you have gone away from Christ due to the cares of this world, or you have never for once accepted Christ into your life, this is the right time to do so, do not postpone, come to Jesus now. If you want to give your life to Christ please place your right hand on your chest and pray this prayer by **believing** it in your heart and **confessing** it with your mouth.

Say,

Lord Jesus Christ, I accept you as my personal Lord and Savior, I believe that you died and rose up on the third day so that I can be free from death and sin, have mercy on me and forgive me of all my sins, I confess your Lordship over my life, and renounce the works of the devil over me, accept me as your child and help me to always walk in accordance to your will and purpose. Thank you Jesus for saving me. Amen!

If you said the above prayer sincerely, I congratulate you and the angels in heaven are rejoicing over you currently, you have taken the best decision anyman on earth would ever take, please contact us, we can't wait to have a word with you. Congratulations once again dear saint.

Closing Prayer

Father we appreciate your name for this wonderful meeting oh Lord we say be thou exalted in Jesus name, father we pray that your word that we've heard would germinate and produce fruits in Jesus name. We pray that you would continue to increase our teacher and speak through him in Jesus name. Father bless us more with the understanding of your word on Jesus name. We cover ourselves with the blood of Jesus. We thank you for you've answered our prayers In Jesus name we've prayed. Amen

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