

The Sacrifices of Righteousness



“Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in Jehovah.” Psalms 4:5

INTRODUCTION: There are Sacrifices of righteousness, that every believer must be conscious of and walk in, to grow in God. The reason for this sacrifices, is to make a believer Knowledgeable about the mysteries of God’s righteousness, which is through Christ Jesus. When the sacrifices are ignored, a believer will never grow in the knowledge of God but remain in the knowledge of sin which is unto unrighteousness.

This Faith Book was inspired by the HolySpirit, and it is a message of truth for every believer in Christ, to build, correct, enlighten, straighten and strengthen, uncovering the mysteries of God; which are the hidden wisdom of God. **Read to the end.**

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MESSAGE:

The sacrifice of righteousness is the seed of holiness and holiness is the evidence of purity “blameless”.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service.” Romans 12:1 ASV

The Heart is what enables us carry out this spiritual service of righteousness, and that is why God wants to be close to a man’s heart, so His goodness can flow in.

The Heart is like a field (garden) where anything can be planted, but not anything produces good fruits.

“Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by its fruit. Ye offspring of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things: and the evil man out of his evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.” Matthew 12:33-35 ASV

Light and darkness has no meeting point, so what is planted in the heart of a man, will affect the mentality (fruits) of that man. Everything can be sown but not everything is reaped: Good and evil can be sown but one must be fruitful over the other.

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not be

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weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” Galatians 6:7-9 ASV

It says: let us not be tired of offering sacrifices of righteousness which is part of our spiritual service. The carnal man is of the flesh. That's why it is written that the flesh is enmity against God, and a man of the flesh cannot please God. (*see Romans 8*)

When there is a sowing, there's always a reaping.

God being close to a man's heart, He pulls out plants that produces bad fruits. Every plants that is not of God are declared unwanted plants. *“But he answered and said, Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up.” Matthew 15:13*

The way God stays close to the heart is through His Spirit, who bears witness with the man's spirit in the heart.

Ephesians 3:16 *“...that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man;”*

When the Holy Spirit is not with a man's spirit (inward man), the Heart of that man can be corrupted because the heart is where seeds are received (sown); allowing unwanted (unholy) plants to grow and bear bad (evil) fruits, which are the works of the flesh:

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of which I forewarn you, even as I did forewarn you, that they who practise such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” Galatians 5:19-21

“For from within, out of the heart of men, evil thoughts proceed, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, covetings, wickednesses,

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deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, railing, pride, foolishness: all these evil things proceed from within, and defile the man.”

Mark 7:21-23 ASV

Jesus mentioned those unholy fruits of unrighteousness, which comes from the heart, making a man unclean; because they are from evil seeds. This is the reason for the promised of the Spirit of truth; that we might receive and be **obedient** to Him in us, so that we would know how to deal with unholy plants and retain the holy plants, which will produce good fruits. This is how a believer overcomes temptation.

“but like as he who called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living; because it is written, Ye shall be holy; for I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:15-16 ASV

The kind of seeds sown depends on whether a man walks in the flesh or in the spirit . The way a man walks will determine what is sown into the heart. The spirit of man who is the gardener of the heart, will begin to sow the seeds of purity when the HolySpirit is present with him. So a man’s spirit is renewed and transformed by God’s spirit that is present... towards purity.

*“that ye put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man, that waxeth corrupt after the lusts of deceit; and **that ye be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.**”* Ephesians 4:22-24 ASV

As believers we know the truth through God’s spirit, because the Spirit is the sower of holiness; but one must understand that the Heart must be willing to receive this seeds and grow them. To receive and grow the seeds of holiness, you must be willing to obey the HolySpirit of God. Obedience plays an important role

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in keeping the plants of purity in the heart, in other to produce good fruit.

“And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him.” Acts 5:32

*“But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your **fruit unto holiness**, and the end eternal life.”*

Romans 6:22

The Spirit of God is the one who sows into your heart through your spirit man (inner man). The process of growth depends on the condition of the Heart. The Heart will be established in holiness when it has a strong conviction over God’s holiness, so it won’t be hardened (blinded) towards the sacrifices of righteousness. It is that conviction that creates the faith needed to receive and grow what has been sown. No matter how you throw a seed on the ground, except the ground receives it, that seed will never be process to germinate nor bear fruits. The Heart must learn to receive the seeds of holiness in other to grow in them.

*“But he that **received seed into the good ground** is he that **heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.**”*

Matthew 13:23 KJV

This explains everything about God’s word being planted in the heart, but it takes beyond just hearing, to achieve growth.

There are certain believers who can’t cross a particular stage of their life because they lack understanding. To hear is to receive, but to understand is having a good ground. The Holy Spirit sows the seed but for the heart to receives it, the heart

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needs an understanding. **The heart of understanding** is called a **good ground**. The Word of God produces when it is sowed into a good ground. A good ground is a heart of understanding. **An Understanding heart is what brings out the evidence of the seeds of the Spirit in a man.** (See Proverbs 17:27)

“O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.” Proverbs 8:5 KJV

You must seek understanding in other to be outstanding. The understanding of the heart is of the spirit mind and not the canal mind: it is called the spiritual eyes; this is where faith comes alive, deliverance is gotten, mysteries are uncovered and the knowledge of God is revealed.

“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,” Ephesians 1:18

The Spirit sows but the spirit eyes (Understanding heart) is needed in other to establish the seeds of holiness towards growth and production “Hearers and doers”. Spiritual understanding helps you to see, know and live the life of God in God’s will.

“Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:” Ephesians 4:18 KJV

Ignorance is a decease that catches many believers and it is because of how hardened their heart is “blinded”.

Remember that your spirit bears witness with the Holy Spirit, so therefore the works of your spirit is of the Holy Spirit and the words of God comes from the Holy Spirit into your heart.

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“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”

1 Thessalonians 2:13 KJV

The word of God is power and life and the will of God is for believers not just to hear but understand the word of God. You can only understand when you are not of the flesh but of the spirit *“That which is born of flesh is flesh but that which is born of the spirit is spirit”* *“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”* John 6:63 KJV

A man of the spirit is a man of spiritual understanding, this means that man is spiritually minded and his **spiritual eyes (Understanding heart) are opened**. ‘That is why faith is of the spirit and it comes from the heart’. God’s word can keep your faith alive and also enlighten your spiritual eyes. *“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.”* Psalms 119:130 KJV

Going deeper, we understood that the act of meditating on God’s word can also give an understanding of the supernatural. *“My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.”* Psalms 49:3 KJV

The seeds of holiness is found in the word of God.

The word of God is the standard for living and with it we become sensitive to God’s holiness. We must learn to pay the sacrifices of righteousness, in other to grow in God’s word through the understanding of the spirit, which seeks holiness

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unto fruitfulness.

“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” James 1:21 KJV

When the word is planted (engrafted), the heart of understanding must be kept opened, in order to increase spiritual understanding towards fruitfulness. To keep the spiritual eyes opened, see Job 28:28 *“...And to depart from evil is understanding.”*

Colossians 3:9-10 *“Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:”*

Romans 12:2 *“And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”*

Renewing the spirit man **through the knowledge of God** by the Holy Spirit, helps a man subject his flesh, so he can keep his spiritual eyes (understanding heart) open.

There's a continuity (renewal), and this continuity produces fruits which enables a believer to do the acceptable will of God. These fruits are the FRUITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. The fruits of righteousness, is the result of sacrifices of righteousness offered.

“being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.” Philippians 1:11

“Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye

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heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:” Colossians 1:6

The seeds of holiness is found in the word of God and when this seeds are sown into the heart, the end product is the fruits of righteousness, which is also found in the fruits of the spirit and goodworks.

“(for the fruit of the spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth), proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord;

Ephesians 5:9-10 ASV

This is the evidence of a good seed sown on a good ground.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23 ASV

There are certain trials that God allows, so that one will be pushed to the place of an understanding (enlightenment).

“For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed good to them; but he for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness. All chastening seemeth for the present to be not joyous but grievous; yet afterward it yieldeth peaceable fruit unto them that have been exercised thereby, even the fruit of righteousness.” Hebrews 12:10-11 ASV

The seeds of holiness is part of God’s discipline on His children and this discipline produces the fruits of righteousness.

God’s Investment is the seeds of holiness which comes by the obedience of His word unto the discipline of the Holy Spirit, and by this we are made partakes of God’s holiness.

When your heart produces good fruits, you increase in the kingdom of God, because this fruits are your works.

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To keep producing good fruits from the heart, you must cleanse the corruption of the flesh which is the product of ones lust and you must learn to walk in works of the spirit of God.

“ Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” 2 Corinthians 7:1 ASV

“And every one that hath this hope set on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.” 1 John 3:3 ASV

The devil sows lust into the heart, but it is left for you to purify by not allowing lust to conceive and bear its fruits of sin which is unto death. *“Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man that sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares also among the wheat, and went away. But when the blade sprang up and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.”*

Matthew 13:24-26 ASV

You represent the kingdom of God, so you are not meant to be asleep (Spiritually weak) by entertaining unwanted plants, that grows and bear bad fruits in your heart. This is why you have the HolySpirit constantly with your spirit, but you must subject your self to obedience in other not to grow and bear evil fruits.

“And even now the axe lieth at the root of the trees: every tree therefore that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.” Matthew 3:10

The HolySpirit is with the axe and He is waiting for you to recognize, acknowledge and receive him, so He can uproot unwanted plants that is in your heart.

According to **John14:17**: Jesus sent the **spirit of truth**

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(HolySpirit) to guide us into all truths and paths of holiness.

*“And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because **the Spirit is the truth.**”* 1 John 5:7

*“Sanctify them in the truth: **thy word is truth.**”* John 17:17

God’s word works with His Spirit: They can’t be separated. We can say that the Spirit is the Word that leads and guides us. So to know the HolySpirit is to discover the knowledge of truth, which is hidden in God’s word and the reality of God’s word is in the Scriptures (Bible). (see John1)

Every believer of Christ must grow; having the desire to increase the knowledge of God through the Spirit of the word.

*“to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, **bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;**”*

Colossians 1:10 ASV

To increase and bear fruits, you must learn to be a doer and not just a hearer of God’s word. A doer is the attitude of faith (see Hebrews 11:1) and faith comes by hearing God’s words. A man of faith walks with the Spirit of God. The works of faith can be called sacrifices of righteousness.

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves.” James 1:22 ASV

Conclusion: The sacrifices of righteousness points you to the direction of God’s elevation, and it makes you a true ambassador of Christ. Learn to be a doer because the HolySpirit is waiting for your act of faith, sacrifice and determination. Begin engaging in receiving the seeds of holiness which God has planted in you, and start producing good fruits of righteousness.

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