



Seven Stipulations of Sacrifice

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

“A Willing Sacrifice”

- One of the most paradoxical and singular acts engaged in this world
- How can the victim of a sacrifice be willing?
- It is the act of a conscious, conscientious being that recognizes that what he is giving up is worth less than what is gained by the offering
- We must be living sacrifices for the things of God and on behalf of others.
- A sacrifice of oneself for personal gain alone is not a worthy sacrifice

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- A sacrifice is completely burned, representing total commitment
 - There is no expectation of salvaging anything of the life or form.
 - Gen. 22:2 - “Then He said, Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

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- A sacrifice is messy, representing suffering in service to others.
 - Lev. 9:8-15
 - Isa. 53 - “He is... despised, rejected, sorrow, grief, stricken, smitten, afflicted, wounded, bruised, chastisement, stripes, oppressed, afflicted, slaughter, shearer, prison, judgment, cut off, grave, death, violence, an offering for sin, the labor of His soul...”
 - Where is it written that your sacrifice will be less messy?

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- A sacrifice is presented to God; it must be offered sincerely and without ulterior motives
 - Lev. 21:10-12 - “He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes; 11 'nor shall he go near any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother; 12 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.”

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 - Matt. 5:23-24 - “Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

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- A sacrifice is groomed to be a sacrifice.
 - Lev. 22:27 - “When a bull or a sheep or a goat is born, it shall be seven days with its mother; and from the eighth day and thereafter it shall be accepted as an offering made by fire to the LORD.”
 - 1Peter 4:1-2 - “Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.”
 - 1Peter 2:5 - “You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

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- A sacrifice dies, representing death to self in service to God.
 - Lev. 1:3-5 - “If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD. 4 Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him. 5 He shall kill the bull before the LORD; and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of meeting.”

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- Rom. 6:11-13 - “Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”

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- A sacrifice receives no reward; it is offered that others might be benefitted
 - 1Peter 2:24 - “Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.”
 - 1Peter 3:18 - “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit”

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- A sacrifice is bound to the altar until it is completed.
 - Gen. 22:9 - “Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.”
 - Psalm 118:27 - “God is the LORD, and He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.”
 - Rev. 2:10 - “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

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- 2Tim. 4:5-8 - “But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”