

New Covenant Sacrifices  
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Hebrews 13:15-16

*Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Hebrews: Jesus is better! Angels, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Old Covenant high priests/sacrifices.

- Jesus: sinless, eternal High Priest offered Himself as perfect atoning sacrifice once for all
  - New Covenant sacrifices not to gain forgiveness but because we have it.
- Grateful sacrifices of praise, good deeds, generosity thru Jesus pleases God.

Everything Christians have/do comes thru Jesus. No other mediator.

- All promises/blessing to Christians in Jesus Christ. Hebrews 13:15, 1 Timothy 2:5, 2 Corinthians 1:20

Because of who God is/what done for all Christians in Jesus Christ, we should continually bring sacrifices of praise to God.....Rock Church: We bring sacrifices of praise in to house of Lord.

- Not just Sunday morning....continually saturate everything say/do with praise.
- “acknowledge His name” means openly proclaim Gospel and who God is and what He has done/will do for us in Jesus Christ.
  - Acknowledge His name by submitting to Him in obedience.
    - Continually laying aside own desires to follow Jesus.

God’s name refers to all His attributes revealed in His Word.

- As study/memorize Word, your knowledge of God and joy in Him increases. Like overflowing cup...so captivated/filled with God’s greatness/goodness, always spilling over in heartfelt, verbal praises and joyful obedience. Luke 6:45b, Quotes
- Especially pleasing to God when like Job...you “Praise Him in the storm!”
  - When life coming apart, chaos/fear/sin abounds, Jesus seems far away,
    - Not ignore/+ thinking but focus on God and His sufficiency in all.
- Praise for God’s attributes, common grace, blessings thru Jesus Christ
  - salvation, faith, indwelling Holy Spirit, eternal life, unconditional love, new mercies every morning, treasures of King of Heaven, sanctification.

PRAY!

Please God by life that continually spills over in verbal, heartfelt praise toward God and by practically loving others. Hebrews 13:16, Galatians 6:10, Matthew 22:37-39

- good deeds and generosity toward others are living sacrifice of praise to God.
    - responsibility primarily to fellow believers, but not stop there.,
- “Do good” general term for all kinds of practical ministry to others,
- Include acts of kindness, serving others, emotional/spiritual support....pray.

- Fast/pray for Afghanistan Christians and persecutors.
- share = *koinonia*: translated fellowship, sharing, participation, contribution
- sharing with those in need....benevolent giving. 2 Thessalonians 3:10
    - Grateful response to God's goodness by being generous to others.
- God desires that every sacrifice costly from offerer! Hebrews 3:15, Romans 12:1-3a
- Pray and ask God how you could present yourself as a living sacrifice of praise to God in both word/deed this week and let me know what happens.
    - Hearts satisfied in God will overflow with grateful sacrifices of heartfelt praise, good deeds to others and great generosity to needy.
      - These New Covenant sacrifices presented thru Jesus please God and bring Him glory.

CS Lewis, "I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment."

Muller: "The business of every day is first of all to seek to be truly at rest & happy in God"

Spurgeon: "I will cry to Him evening, and morning, and noon, and I will cry to no one else, for He is all sufficient. How He will save me I cannot guess; but He will do it, I know."