

## **Five Sacrifices That Turn Thanksgiving Day into a Thanksliving Life!**

### **Intro: Psalm 107:21-22 (HCSB)**

<sup>21</sup> Let them give thanks to the Lord for His faithful love and His wonderful works for the human race.

<sup>22</sup> Let them offer **sacrifices of thanksgiving** and announce His works with shouts of joy.

### **1 Peter 2:5 (HCSB)**

<sup>5</sup> you yourselves, as living stones, are being built into a spiritual house for a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

## **1. The Sacrifice of your person.**

### **Romans 12:1-2 (HCSB)**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship.

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

#### **1a. Sacrifice yourself voluntarily**

#### **1b. Sacrifice yourself completely**

#### **1c. Two “Flesh Hooks” to keep you on the altar:**

**devotion and discipline.**

## **2. The Sacrifice of your praise.**

### **Hebrews 13:15 (HCSB)**

<sup>15</sup> Therefore, through Him let us continually offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of our lips that confess His name.

### **Psalms 69:30-31 (HCSB)**

<sup>30</sup> I will praise God's name with song and exalt Him with thanksgiving.

<sup>31</sup> That will please the Lord more than an ox, more than a bull with horns and hooves.

### **Psalms 34:1 (HCSB)**

<sup>1</sup> I will praise the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.

### **Psalms 119:108 (HCSB)**

<sup>108</sup> Lord, please accept my willing offerings of praise, and teach me Your judgments.

## **3. The Sacrifice of your prayer.**

### **Psalms 141:2 (HCSB)**

<sup>2</sup> May my prayer be set before You as incense, the raising of my hands as the evening offering.

### **Revelation 5:8 (HCSB)**

<sup>8</sup> When He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

**Note:** The Fire of the golden altar must be obtained from the fire of the brazen altar.

In the tabernacle we see a visual prophecy fulfilled in Christ, our: sacrifice, sight, sustenance, and supplication.

#### **4. The Sacrifice of your possessions.**

##### **Hebrews 13:16 (HCSB)**

<sup>16</sup> Don't neglect to do good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.

##### **Philippians 4:8 (HCSB)**

<sup>8</sup> Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is any praise—dwell on these things.

##### **Malachi 1:8 (HCSB)**

<sup>8</sup> “When you present a blind [animal] for sacrifice, is it not wrong? And when you present a lame or sick [animal], is it not wrong? Bring it to your governor! Would he be pleased with you or show you favor?” asks the Lord of Hosts.

##### **2 Corinthians 9:7 (HCSB)**

<sup>7</sup> Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not out of regret or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.

## **5. The Sacrifice of your purity.**

### **Psalm 51:1 (HCSB)**

<sup>1</sup> Be gracious to me, God, according to Your faithful love; according to Your abundant compassion, blot out my rebellion.

### **Psalm 51:17 (HCSB)**

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit. God, You will not despise a broken and humbled heart.

### **Romans 2:4 (HCSB)**

<sup>4</sup> Or do you despise the riches of His kindness, restraint, and patience, not recognizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

### **Conclusion: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (HCSB)**

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always!

<sup>17</sup> Pray constantly.

<sup>18</sup> Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.