**SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES**

John 4 – Worship in spirit and truth then too! But expressed in prescribed forms

Exodus 25:1-2 The LORD said to Moses, 2 “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me.”

•Deuteronomy 10:12 “Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

•1 Samuel 15:22 Samuel said, “Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, *and* to heed than the fat of rams.

1 Samuel 16:7 “For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”

Psalm 15:1-2 LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

 2 He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart.

Psalm 40:6 Sacrifice and meal offering you have not desired; my ears You have opened; burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.

•Psalm 50:13-14 Shall I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of male goats? 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High;

Psalm 51:16-17 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, ]

 O God, You will not despise.

•Psalm 69:30-31 I will praise the name of God with song and magnify Him with thanksgiving. 31 And it will please the LORD better than an *ox or* a young bull with horns and hoofs.

Ps. 103:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,-----bless His holy name!

Psalm 141:2 May my prayer be counted as incense before You; the lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.

•2 Chron. 30:18-20 taking the Passover unclean

Isaiah 29:13 Then the Lord said, “Because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned *by rote,*

Hosea 6:6 For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, and in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Joel 2:13a Tear your hearts and not your garments.

Micah 6:6-8 with what shall I come to the LORD *and*  bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves? 7 Does the LORD take delight in thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn *for* my rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 9:13 “But go and learn what this means: ‘I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,’

for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” [give **OT** refs]

Matthew 15:8-9 ‘THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.’ 9 ‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.’” (*also Mark 7:6-7)*

 NAU Mark 7:6-7 He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written

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•Mark 12:33 “AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE’S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

Hebrews 10:5-9 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, “SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME; 6 IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices*  FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE. 7 “THEN I SAID, ‘BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.” 8 After saying above, “SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE *in them*” (which are offered according to the Law), 9 then He said, “BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL.” He takes away the first in order to establish the second.

•Hebrews 13:15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

1 Peter 2:5 You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up *spiritual sacrifices* acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.