

IT IS ALL ABOUT OUR HEARTS ~ Hebrews 13:15-17

→ Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:15-17

INTRODUCTION

→ Temple Complex

→ Altar

Hebrews 13:13 (NIV) Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore.

SACRIFICE OF PRAISE ~ Hebrews 13:15

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name.

John 14:6 (NIV) ...I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except THROUGH me.

APPLICATION

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (HCS) Rejoice always! Pray constantly. **Give THANKS in everything**, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV) ...**give THANKS in all circumstances**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

For three things I thank God every day of my life: thanks that He has given me knowledge of his works; deep thanks that He has set in my darkness the lamp of faith; deep, deepest thanks that I have another life to look forward to a life joyous with light and flowers and heavenly song. Helen Keller

SACRIFICES OF DOING GOOD AND SHARING ~ Hebrews 13:16

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

APPLICATION

Hebrews 6:10 (NIV) God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

SACRIFICES OF PRAISE

- public **CONFESSION** of JESUS as Lord - vs. 15
- good **DEEDS** - vs. 16
- serving the **PRACTICAL NEEDS** of others - vs. 16

2 Thessalonians 3:13 (HCS) Brothers, **do not grow WEARY in DOING good**.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV) Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always **give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord**, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

- **LIPS** that acknowledge - confess Him - vs. 15
- **LIVES** that match our Words - vs. 16

→ God wants **MORE** than just our **LIPS** - He wants our **HEARTS** and **LIVES**

LEADERS AND FOLLOWERS ~ Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Colossians 1:28 (HCS) We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

APPLICATION

1 Peter 5:2-3 (NIV) Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; [3] not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

James 3:1 (NIV) Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

GOOD FOLLOWERS...

- PRAY for their Leaders
- seek to FOLLOW well
- seek to HONOR God BY their submission and obedience
- take care of DIFFICULTIES one on one (they will go and entreat)
- seek God's BEST for their Leaders
- seek to help their Leaders THRIVE

TAKE AWAY ??

Psalm 51:16-17 (NLT) You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. [17] The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

Psalm 51:17 (HCS) The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit. God, You will not despise a broken and humbled heart.