

Hebrews 13:15-16 (NIV)

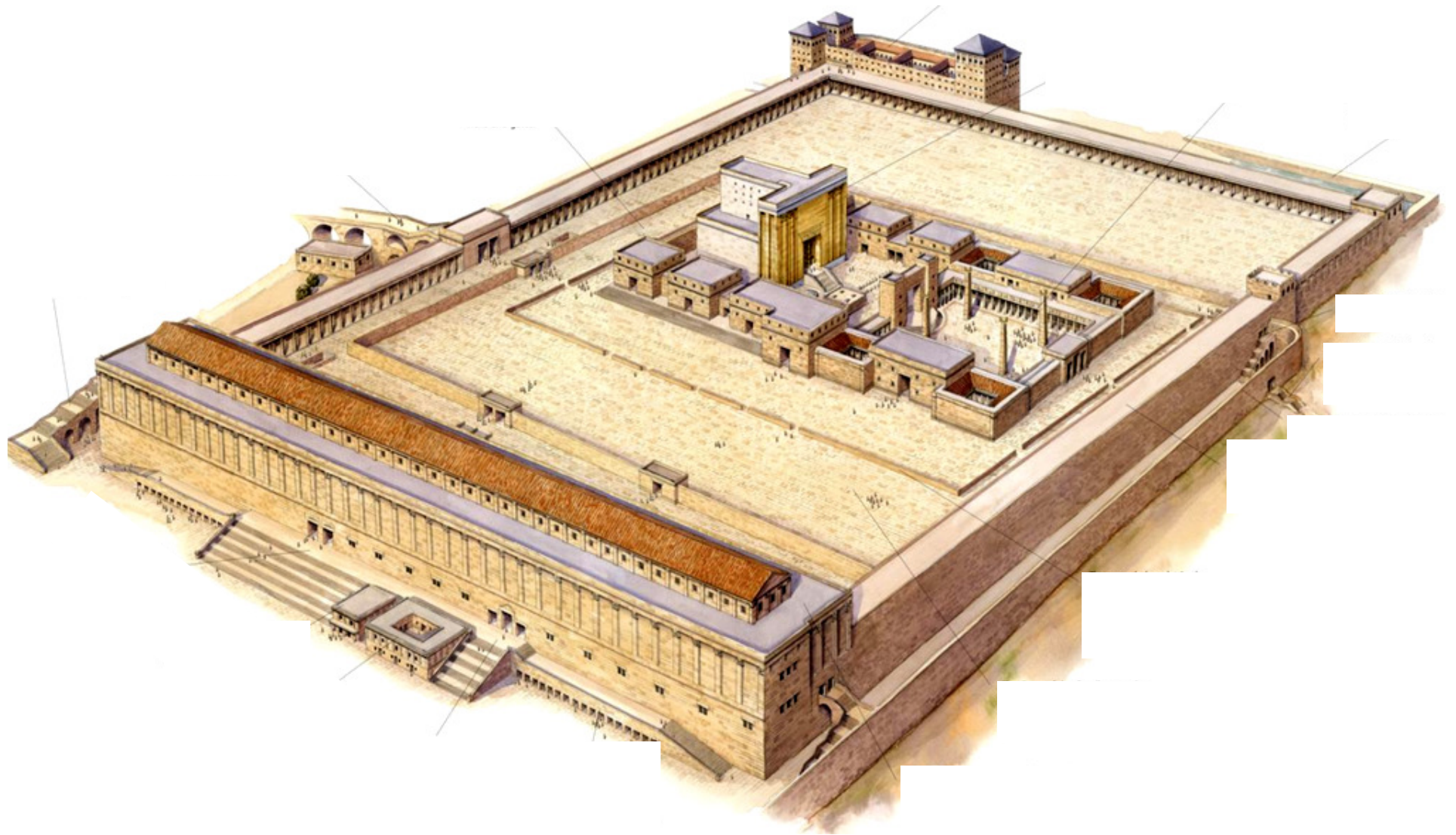
Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name. [16] And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:17 (NIV)

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.

**IT IS ALL ABOUT
OUR HEARTS**

Hebrews 13:15-17





Hebrews 13:13 (NIV)

Let us, then, **go to HIM**
OUTSIDE the camp,
bearing the disgrace he bore.

John 14:6 (NIV)

...I am the way and the
truth and the life.

**No one comes to the Father
except THROUGH ME.**

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

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
- good **DEEDS**
- serving the **PRACTICAL NEEDS**
of others

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
- **LIVES** that match our Words

→ God wants **MORE** than
just our **LIPS** -

He wants our **HEARTS**
and **LIVES**

Colossians 1:28 (HCS)

We proclaim Him,
warning and teaching everyone
with all wisdom,
so that we may present
EVERYONE mature in Christ.

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;** **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
- seek God's **BEST** for their Leaders
- seek to help their Leaders **THRIVE**

Psalm 51:16-17 (NLT)

You do NOT desire a sacrifice,
or I would offer one.

You do NOT want a burnt offering.

**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.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is the Sacrifice of Praise Hard to do ALL the time?
2. How can things we do for others be a SACRIFICE to God?
3. Why is our Heart the FOCUS in all of this?