

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!

Psalm 107:15-22

INTRODUCTION: Psalm 107:21-22: Tonight we will be talking about sacrifices of thanksgiving. The sin of being unthankful may be one of the most ugly a person could keep on doing. Our Psalmist said once again in Psalm 107:22. Our God has truly been great and good to each of us. Psalm 107:1-2. Tonight we will look at five ways we can turn our thanksgiving into a Thanksgiving of sacrifices of praise to our Lord. 1 Peter 2:1-5 tells us that we are to offer up spiritual sacrifices to our God.

I. THE SACRIFICE OF OUR BODIES!

The Word of God tells us that God would have us offer up to Him the sacrifice of our bodies to Him. Romans 12:1-2: this is the most significant spiritual sacrifice we can make to our God. Romans 12:1: the mercies of God include the fact that our Lord Jesus sacrificed His body for you: is it unreasonable for Him to ask you to sacrifice your body for Him? We need to put our God before ourselves and everyone and everything else. Romans 12:1 says our bodies are too offered voluntarily and holy unto our Lord.

II. THE SACRIFICE OF MY PRAISE!

We as individuals and as churches must put a lot of emphasis on the sacrifice of praise to our God: Hebrews 13:15; Psalm 69:30-32. The praise of our lips is more important to our God than the money we place into the offering each week. Psalm 107:22; Psalm 119:108. This is to be a free will offering. In other words this offering is to come voluntarily from your heart and then from your lips. Psalm 119:108; Psalm 92:12-15.

III. THE SACRIFICE OF PRAYER!

The Bible tells us to offer to our God the sacrifice of prayer: Psalm 141:2. Our prayers can be like the incense to our God. The sacrifice of incense on the golden altar in the Tabernacle was a sweet smelling savor to our God. God says our prayers can please Him just as the incense on the golden altar pleased Him. When we come to offer praise we must come first to receive the blood of Christ as payment for our sins: Hebrews 10:19; John 14:6.

IV. THE SACRIFICE OF OUR POSSESSIONS!

We are commanded by our Lord to offer the sacrifice of our possessions as well: Hebrews 13:16. The word "communicate" here means to give to those in need. Proverbs 19:17; James 2:14-16; Ephesians 4:28; Matthew 27:34-40.

V. THE SACRIFICE OF A BROKEN SPIRIT AND A CONTRITE HEART!

Psalm 51:17 calls on us to offer a sacrifice to our God of a broken spirit and a contrite heart. Let me ask you: "Do the things in this world that break our Lord's heart break your heart? Isaiah 66:1-2.