



Lesson 166 Sacrifices Are Made

Sacrifices are made. I sacrificed and you have too! Sacrifice is an aspect of walking with Your God Jesus. It's putting others before yourself. It's doing unto others as you would have others do unto you. Sacrifice, therefore, it is an act of love. Consider all your steps, all your acts, all your words, and walk in the sacrifice of love but never sacrifice truth as one cannot go on without the other.

Introduction

In today's lesson we will be talking about sacrifice. If you look up the word sacrifice in a dictionary it will say:

Sacrifice:

- the offering of an animal, plant, human life or possession to a deity as in propitiation or homage
- the person, animal or thing so offered
- the surrender or destruction of something prized or desirable for the sake of something considered as having a higher or more pressing claim
- the thing so surrendered or devoted.

Therefore we will be talking about surrender or an offering that is made in order to appease. Just recently the Lord has said this of sacrifice:

01/14/14 - Excellence on stage. My Beloved will shine. Clean and beautiful. Door step. Excitement at what will be. Time is now. Take the step. Obedience has become opportunity. Driving force. Clear cut. No agendas. Complete focus on your God Jesus. Beautiful sacrifice. Your God Jesus focus all.

01/30/14 - You must stay dedicated to stay on the team (in the Bride). The Bride evolves/grows, you must grow also. You can be left behind and fall out. Stay on the leading edge. Read and study your bible, and the site. Stay sharp. Don't slack off on your daily meetings. Lift up envelopes for My Righteous Judgment. Pray, pray, pray for others. These are functions of My Bride. Did I not ask you to be sure you wanted to be a

part of this? I told you it would require sacrifice on your part. Why do you seem surprised now? This is work. I know what I ask. Do you? Being part of My Bride is not to be taken lightly. It is not an easy road. It is not for everyone. It will only get harder from here. Call on Me. I AM here to help. But ultimately you must do the work.

02/18/14 - Come forward in Me I have called you out and into newness of life/ You will be as I say. Never doubt I AM has spoken. I am guiding many into covenant. Many shall hear My voice and follow My guidance into victory; My kingdom - being raised; spiritual sacrifices - being accepted. The ways of your God Jesus are being made known in abundance.

What these passages tell us is that Jesus is calling you to completely focus on Him. He explained that it will take sacrifice on your part. Therefore, He is calling you to lose your "life" for Him as confirmed through this:

Luke 9:23-24 *Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."*

Let's move forward in this understanding and see where the Lord takes us from here.

I Sacrificed and You Have Too

In the opening statement of today's message the Lord noted that He had made sacrifices. He, in fact, became known as the sacrificial lamb. So let's begin by looking at His sacrifice.

One day early in Jesus ministry, He approached John the Baptist, and John declared this:

John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

John referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God is important because back in the day, the Lord gave the Israelites a sacrificial system where an innocent animal was sacrificed as an appeasement for sin. Now, we of course, know that the sacrifice of an animal cannot take away our sins, but ultimately what these sacrifices did was, they pointed the way to Jesus and that is why John the Baptist referred to Jesus as the Lamb of God. This is because Jesus was sacrificed so that our sins would be taken away. He, therefore, did what no animal could.

Accordingly, what we have come to understand then is that, the blood of animals will never fit the bill, otherwise the Israelites wouldn't have had to come back yearly to offer up sacrifices to the Lord. Jesus' sacrifice, however, was perfect. There is no need for it to be repeated yearly. He accomplished what animals could not.

Hebrews 10:1-10 *For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.*

Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come-- In the volume of the book it is written of Me-- To do Your will, O God.' " Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God."

He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Jesus came to that end. He came to do the will of the Father. He was perfect and He was without sin. Yes, He became the innocent sacrifice.

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

1 Peter 2:22 *He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.*

1 John 3:5 *You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.*

Hence Jesus became our sacrifice. He paid the price for you, for me, for everyone.

1 John 2:2 *And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

Yes, Jesus paid the price but He didn't just come for the Israelites, no indeed, He came for all mankind. He willingly obeyed the Father and moved forward in the ultimate act of sacrifice.

At this time, we too are to move forward in sacrifice. This is what the Lord is telling us today.

Now we obviously cannot take the place of Jesus (because we are not innocent) but what we can willingly do is, make daily sacrifices by moving forward in what the Lord wants. Remember Paul's words:

Romans 12:1 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

What we are to do then is sacrifice the unacceptable for the acceptable. And that is why the Lord said,

Sacrifices are made. I sacrificed and you have too!

For you see whether you realize it or not, you have made sacrifices, as you have walked with the Lord; for you have already "sacrificed" some of the unacceptable for the acceptable. These sacrifices have probably involved giving up "self" for example, on the Take His Heart website it's explained like this:

The Spotless Bride fulfills the righteousness of the law through love, as Jesus did, even fulfilling the law of sacrifice by giving up her life to the Lord.

Consequently, we should always make it our goal to fulfill the law of sacrifice through love just as Jesus did. We do this by being willingly obedient unto the Lord, by following after His ways, instead of ours. In this way we give up our "life" for the Lord.

In 2009 the Lord gave Prophet Roy a vision that covered this topic. It went like this:

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I was looking at a huge crowd of people. The largest crowd was to the left of a line and they were seen clothed in grays. To the right of that line was a crowd who were clothed in gold, with a tinge of brown. These people were between two lines. To the right of the second line were 4, or 5, people. They were dressed in white and seemed transparent. The people in gold had crossed the line coming out of the people dressed in grays. They were upset (waving their arms and such) after finding out that they must cross over a second line to get where they are expected to be, in white.

And then several days later the Lord gave these words that went along with the vision:

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The Lord said, "A passion for ME is not enough." What does that mean? "Adherence to MY rules, MY way of doing things."

Consequently through this vision and through the Lord's words, the Lord is teaching us that we should sacrifice our ways for His. As explained by Prophet Roy:

The transparent people on the right have surrendered their will to the Lord. The people in the gold section are learning to do that. The people on the right are fulfilling the law of sacrifice at a very high level. The people in the gold section are learning to do that. When a person enters a military boot camp in a country, the military starts causing the person to surrender their will to the will of the military. It is really a learned thing to serve a country that way. It's the same in the *Lord's Boot Camp*. He won't make anyone join, but to serve Him we must get rid of "self" and learn His ways and walk in them. We must learn instant obedience. This brings us back to: "A passion for ME is not enough." What does that mean? "Adherence to MY rules, MY way of doing things." Notice He said, "Adherence" so we see one must be steadfast in the Lord's ways.

What these people are doing is giving up "self" in order to walk in the Lord's ways. In other words, they sacrifice their ways for His ways. They adhere to His rules, to His ways, basically, they get rid of the unacceptable for the acceptable ways of the Lord i.e. they make a living sacrifice for the Lord.

In the bible it says:

Romans 12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

Ephesians 5:8-10 *For you were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.*

Here again, we are talking about sacrificing the ways of the world by walking as children of the Lord. We were given free will so this is something we have to decide to do within ourselves. Remember sacrifice is defined as **surrender, offering, or destruction of something prized or desirable for the sake of something considered as having a higher or more pressing claim**. Therefore, we are the ones who have to change or conform to the Lord's ways. He will guide and direct us but we are the ones who have to surrender our will to Him.

June 4th God Calling - Molding, My children, means cutting and chiseling. It means sacrifice of the personal to conform to type. It is not only My work but yours. The swift recognition of the selfish in your desires and motives, actions, words and thoughts, and the instant appeal to Me for help to eradicate that. It is a work that requires cooperation - Mine and yours. It is a work that brings much sense of failure and discouragement too, at times, because, as the work proceeds, you see more and more clearly all that yet remains to be done.

This requires work on our part; but that is part of why it is a sacrifice. Yet it is also the key to growing in Him. And it is the path to perfection.

01/29/14 - Perfection will be attained by your complete obedience to Me, Push past self and that is where you will find Me.

02/02/14 - Excellence in My Beloved, continuous refinement in My saints. Implement corrections and move forward united in Me. I am pleased with your willingness corporately to accept correction; without self-involvement. Keeping self out is key to growing in Me.

02/07/14 - Wait on Me. Man does not have the understanding necessary to make plans. Line upon line, that is how My instructions flow. You must wait for Me to give the next command. I must wait on you to carry out the last command. The less time I wait, the sharper the tool. How long do you make Me wait? Complete your task quickly and correctly. Do not interject self. I keep things simple one step at a time. Do not over complicate. Settle in. Let's get to work.

02/18/14 - Focus must remain on Me at all times. I have work for each which needs to be carried out. This is not to be taken lightly. Listen for instruction I will make known what each needs to do. No guess work, must be done precisely according to My example. Keep self out there is no room for self in My work. Self must be turned out.

Hopefully, these passages have helped us come to understand the message the Lord delivered when He said, **Sacrifices are made. I sacrificed and you have too!** Essentially, what we are talking about is walking in the ways of Your God Jesus.

An Act of Love

In the last section of the lesson we learned about moving forward in the Lord by following His guidance, His direction, His ways. We learned that this requires sacrifice on our part because our ways are not His ways. Basically, we learned that man's ways are unacceptable, consequently, self must be surrendered over to Him. This in turn leads us to the next element of today's lesson that comes through these words:

Sacrifice is an aspect of walking with Your God Jesus. It's putting others before yourself. It's doing unto others as you would have others do unto you. Sacrifice, therefore, it is an act of love.

So let's examine this idea that sacrifice is an act of love by going back to a passage we read earlier in the lesson. In that passage it said that we are to **fulfill the righteousness of the law through love**. Now if we take a moment here and examine tithing then I think this principal will be correctly demonstrated for us. This is because the Lord's ways and walking in them, this is equivalent to walking in love and isn't that exactly what the tithe is all about. For you see when we tithe correctly we are demonstrating the Lord's love, concern, compassion, provision and much more (for His people in need). We are truly fulfilling the righteousness of the law through love.

From the Take His Heart website:

We must understand that Jesus fulfilled the law through love, not just through the letter of the law or need. The need was there but He fulfilled the need through love. He went to the cross because of the need to fulfill the law and the prophets but He did it through love.

It is revealed the letter of the law kills but the Spirit gives life. When we here at *Take His Heart* actually started to follow after the "things of the Spirit" we found ourselves fulfilling a law of God through love in a special way. You can see the love of God extended from the Lord through to people in what He taught us about tithing correctly. Because we see the love (good thing) of the Lord manifested to people, we desire to tithe correctly because we see God's purposes performed in His manifested love. We must see the love and purpose in this act or we will revert to doing it out of need and the letter and not through love. If we tithe out of need or the letter we have missed the whole picture of the Lord's purposes; we have missed His love manifested.

When we deliver the Lord's funds to a widow or the needy in His name, not ours, saying, "The Lord said to give this to you," we see the law of the tithe being fulfilled in the shadows cast as we perform the task. Even the letter of the law can be seen in the shadow as God showed me in the vision of future Christians.

The Law of Sacrifice

Jesus said:

Matthew 5: 17

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

He said to not **even think** He came to do away with the law, so we need to understand all we can about it. When God spoke to me saying, "All My laws are still in effect," I retorted with, "That can't be true. Jesus was the final sacrifice; we don't do sacrifices anymore." The Lord then took me to:

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

I then understood that we are to fulfill the "law of sacrifice" in our own lives. The act of sacrificing animals had nothing to do with love and God had no pleasure in them.

Hebrews 10:8

Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;

Paul the apostle said he was sorry that he had only one life to give into the service of the Lord. We see an act of love towards the Lord (producing pleasure in the Lord) when we fulfill the law of sacrifice like Paul. If I personally do the same, am I under the "Law of Sacrifice?" No, I'm fulfilling it.

Jesus fulfilled the righteousness of the law through love and we are to do the same. We will not be like Him until we do. We have not grown up into Him until we do!

Consequently the tithing example provides us with a good example of walking in the Lord's ways or of fulfilling the righteousness of the law through love. But let me explain, it's like this:

When we tithe correctly, we are sacrificing the unacceptable traditions of man for the acceptable ways of the Lord and when we do this, then we are not only making a living sacrifice by giving up our ways for His, but we are also demonstrating that the righteousness of the law is being fulfilled through a living example of the love of the Lord.

What the Lord is teaching us here is that a **passion for Him is not enough** because it also takes **adherence to His rules, His way of doing things...**i.e. making that living sacrifice through love just as He is teaching us. Paul said it like this:

Ephesians 5:2 *And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.*

And the Lord has continued His assurances, His teachings on this principle not only in the Rhema word but through the two listeners as well:

01/06/14 - Relinquish your will to Me. Do it voluntarily and from your whole heart. Follow after Me and My will. Be ye therefore transformed into the person I would have you be. Be ye holy as I am holy. Be ye perfected. Follow after truth, justice, mercy and sacrifice but most importantly love. In other words be righteous, walk in righteousness. Live My example. This is how it should be for you in this new year. Walk in this, live it. Now go in peace and be all that I would have you be.

02/09/14 - Encouragement be to all, many people will be being added, you must be gentle with them; tender fruit they are, do not uproot. Answer questions presented you. Let them see you care by your diligence. Your desire to please Me is great, let it continue to grow.

02/10/14 - Victory comes through humility...for humility is death to self.

02/16/14 - Die to self, gradually little denials add up until you eventually rule. It is good to deny self and should be exercised often. Follow the pattern set before you, I denied Myself and took the form of a slave to show you the way to be, this is expected of you. Be humble, be gentle, be ready to help all who are in need, this I expect of you.

January 31st God Calling - "No detail is forgotten in My Plans, already perfect." All sacrifice and all suffering is redemptive: to teach the individual or to be used to raise and help others. Nothing is by chance.

October 29th God Calling Eventide - The secret of true discipleship is service and little things. So rarely do Mine understand this. They are ready to die for Me, but not to live for Me, in all the small details of this life. Is not this the way of men, so often, towards those they love in the world? They are so ready to make the big sacrifices, but not the little ones.

Guard against this in service for Me. Suffer little hardships gladly, overcome little proud impulses, little selfishnesses, and little difficulties. Serve Me in the little things. Be My servants of the little ways.

Therefore, **Sacrifice is an aspect of walking with Your God Jesus. It's putting others before yourself. It's doing unto others as you would have others do unto you. Sacrifice, therefore, it is an act of love.** It is the sacrificing of the unacceptable traditions of man for the acceptable ways of the Lord. It is the walking out of the righteousness of the law. It is the fulfillment of the same. It is a living example of the love of the Lord.

Never Sacrifice Truth

In the last section of the lesson we learned that sacrifice can be seen as an act of love because when we do this we are basically putting others before ourselves. Therefore, we learned that sacrifice is an aspect of walking with the Lord. Basically, we learned to follow Jesus' example in that we learned to fulfill the righteousness of the law through love. But today's message did not conclude there for the Lord closed it with this:

Consider all your steps, all your acts, all your words, and walk in the sacrifice of love but never sacrifice truth as one cannot go on without the other.

What I believe the Lord is telling us here is that all of our steps, all of our acts, all of our words, they should all be conducted or fulfilled through love, however, He included a proviso that said, **never sacrifice truth.** I believe He included this because He understands that truth and love go hand in hand. You cannot sacrifice one for the other or both will be sacrificed in the end. This message has been repeated and emphasized of late, through these passages:

02/05/14 - Love cannot override truth. Truth is real. There is no changing it to suit your desires, for then it is no longer truth. And yes, you can have the faith to move a mountain but even this cannot change the truth, and this is part of why it is so important. Love denotes value and that may or may not be present but the truth will always be there. Faith, too, it is the walking in what the heart believes, yet even this may or may not be present. But the truth it is always there whether you acknowledge it or not. Hence you should walk in truth. And this means that you should walk in Jesus because Jesus is truth. He is the fulfillment. He is the completion. Truth is real. There is no falsehood within it and isn't this Jesus. Walk in Him and all will be well. Walk in truth and you will walk in all that is right.

02/09/14 - I love you all, but My love is not a substitute for My truth.

02/10/14 - Justice, Mercy, Truth these things I desire to be displayed in My Bride. Helping hand be to all in your path.

02/12/14 - Power on display in My Bride, Power for the world to see and marvel. The Power of spoken truth, Power of Deliverance, Power to set free the captives. Speak My Truth boldly, this is important, contain not, disburse abundantly. The world will know

you are Mine; your speech will give you away. I spoke as one having authority, so will you. Speak the truth with much boldness, much assurance, knowing you got it from Me. Argue not present truth and move on. Truth is in love, inseparable. To speak My truth is to show love.

02/13/14 - Love does not usurp truth.

02/13/14 - Relish the truth...it is precious...it is gold.

02/15/14 - Uphold My truth; never falter; be both bold and gentle; masses; so, so many; get them saved; taught; filled with My truth and knowledge in dosages and steps leading them into the fullness of Me. Reprimand with love; allow them to see My love in each of you; Tend My sheep; bring them into My pastures; watch for them; show them the snares; teach them My ways; bring order out of chaos

02/16/14 - Show the way. Truth always with grace and humility. Set captives free. Many are captive unknown to them. Show the light of truth your God Jesus.

And to the two listeners the Lord said,

January 8th God Calling Eventide – I call upon you to make Me known –

By your unfailing trust in Me,

By your joy, unrepressed by the difficulties of the way,

By your tender concern for the weak and the wandering,

By your acceptance of My Gift of Eternal Life,

By your growth in Spiritual development, proof of that inner life, which alone can engender it.

Make Me known, more and more, by your serenity, by unflinching adherence to Truth.

Make Me known by My Spirit within and round you, your conduct and speech ever bearing witness to the Power and the Wonder of My Presence. So shall all men know that you are My disciple, and that your claim is never for the recognition of the self – but for Me, the Christ-in-you.

This passage brings together much of what the Lord has taught us in this lesson, in that, we are to sacrifice self for a righteous walk in the Lord through truth, concern and trust. It reminds us to Consider all our steps, all our acts, all our words, to walk in the sacrifice of love but never sacrifice truth as one cannot go on without the other.

Summation

Today's lesson has been about sacrifice. Through the lesson we learned that sacrifice is about surrendering or making an offering in order to appease. We talked about Jesus' sacrifice and how we are to emulate His behavior.

What the Lord taught us is that we make sacrifices too, in that we sacrifice the unacceptable for the acceptable. Basically we learned that we are the ones who have to change or conform to the Lord's ways. He will guide and direct us but we are the ones who have to surrender our will to Him. In other words, we give up "self" to walk in His ways.

The Lord taught us that a passion for Him is not enough because it also takes adherence to His rules, His way of doing things...i.e. He taught us about making a living sacrifice in that we are to fulfill the righteousness of the law and we fulfill it through love just as He did. The tithe was offered as a good example of this. This lesson for today was delivered through these words:

Sacrifices are made. I sacrificed and you have too! Sacrifice is an aspect of walking with Your God Jesus. It's putting others before yourself. It's doing unto others as you would have others do unto you. Sacrifice, therefore, it is an act of love. Consider all your steps, all your acts, all your words, and walk in the sacrifice of love but never sacrifice truth as one cannot go on without the other.

And here are some additional supportive passages about the sacrifice of yielding to the Lord that go along with today's message:

01/15/14 - Continue to press forward in Me. Keep focused on Me. Keep thinking about Me. Think about Me often throughout your day. Read my word. Take Me in. Be transformed. Be My vessel, ready for every good work. I AM looking for a few good vessels to carry out My plans.

02/03/14 - Helpful hand, Why tremble with doubt, Fact is I already know beginning from end, You are chosen to do a good work, count it a blessing to follow after Me (did), My footsteps are guaranteed results, That is why I say humble yourselves and stay committed to the cause, You are more than conquerors with Me, Your daily lives are being transformed by the renewing of your minds, Walk a little closer, There is shade there, Die to self, All will be well.

02/04/14 - Each member must be willing to come before Me, yielded, like clay in the potters hand.

02/05/14 - My Bride is beautiful. It can be no other way. She must be clean and yielded to My will.

02/07/14 - Wait on Me. Man does not have the understanding necessary to make plans. Line upon line, that is how My instructions flow. You must wait for Me to give the next command. I must wait on you to carry out the last command. The less time I wait, the

sharper the tool. How long do you make Me wait? Complete your task quickly and correctly. Do not interject self. I keep things simple one step at a time. Do not over complicate. Settle in.

02/12/14 - I AM in control of all things. Stay yielded to Me. Wait on Me, act when I say act.

02/13/14 - Work on becoming more perfect in Me. Don't worry about saving the world, that's My job. I need you to be as perfect as you can be.

02/18/14 - Seek My Counsel. Meet more regularly. More happens than you realize. During this time I work on you personally. One on one. Could one really ask for more? The more time you spend with Me the more I can refine you. The more refined you become the more I can use you in My plans. Be yielded to Me. Meet with Me more often, become refined, become part of My Jewels, become part of My Bride. This should be your goal.

And from the two listeners:

October 2nd God Calling Eventide - On earth, or even in Heaven, there can be no greater joy than realizing that My Will is being accomplished in the little as well as in the big things.

Indeed, it can be *your* "meat" as I said it was *Mine*. It is the very sustenance of body, mind, and spirit, that Trinity of being, symbolized in the Temple in the Outer Court, the Holy Place, and then in the very Holy of Holies, where man speaks with God and dwells with Him.

Into that Holy of Holies there can be no entrance except to sacrifice, to bring an offering of the physical and mental being in Spirit to identify the whole with that Supreme Sacrifice I offered for My World.

What this lesson has taught us is that we too are to make sacrifices. In other words, we are to be livings sacrifices for Him. We accomplish this by yielding our vessel to the Lord. We step out in obedience adhering to His ways and walk in the righteousness of the law through love.

May the Lord Bless you in this,

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