

# I Give My Life, Fully Committed

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### Background

Exodus 29:38-42 is one of the many places that talks about burnt offerings. The burnt offering was a whole offering some times referred to as a Holocaust offering (holo meaning “whole” and caust meaning “burnt”). The burnt offering was to be continually offered every day (Ex 29:38). A lamb in the morning and a lamb in the evening at the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation (Ex 29:42). The actual Hebrew word for offering used in reference to burnt offerings translates to “a gift”. God created us as gift to himself. Our job is to present ourselves to God in the best condition we can. According to Romans 12:1 we are to present our bodies body a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God. That means all of me to all of Him

In Leviticus 1:3 we learn that the burnt offering had to be a willing gift and a gift without blemish. The offerer was to lay his hands on the head of the offering as part of its acceptance. For us that means we must practice self-honesty. We have to acknowledge our wrong doing and claim which mistakes belong to us. He then had to kill the the sacrifice before God and the priests. At the point the offering was killed the blood was to be sprinkled on the altar by the Priest (Lev 1:5). *{Blood is life. So we are to put our lives on the altar of God}*.

Next the offering was to be flayed and cut into pieces (Lev 1:6). To flay something means to strip off the skin or outer covering. God desires that we come to Him naked and not ashamed. That we make our lives an open book to Him though He already knows the answers.

Finally, the head, fat, and other parts (skin, flesh, etc.) would be placed on the altar and burned. The internal part (organs kidney, liver, etc.) and the legs had to be washed and then burned on the altar as well (Lev 1:8-9). No part was to left out of the sacrifice

### What happens when the burnt offerings are presented in the Tabernacle

There God would meet us and talk with us. In our obedience, God will sanctify the tabernacle with His glory (Ex 29:43), dwell in us (Ex 29:43) and be our God (Ex 29:43).

Paul tells us that our bodies are that tabernacle (1 Cor 6;19). With this in mind we know that we are now the burnt offering each day and night we are to present our bodies, our lives, all of us to God as a Holy and precious gift. When we do then He will fill our lives with His presence as a permanent residence.

### Steps of sacrifice

- 1) bring a willing sacrifice (John 3:16, Heb 10:14, )
- 2) bring a pure sacrifice without blemish Christ took on the sin for us, we must come with a pure heart (Matt. 5:8, 1 Peter 1:16)
- 3) Identify the sacrifice as yours (Psalms 51:3-4)
- 4) Strip the sacrifice of all it's outer appearance (Genesis 2:25, Mark 7:15)
- 5) Clean the sacrifice (Psalms 51:2,7,10; Psalms 139:23-24)
- 6) Place all of the sacrifice on the altar (Psalms 37:5)

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## Significant Burnt Offerings in the bible

- Genesis 4:3-4 Cain & Abel bring God a gift. Abel's is accepted Cain's is not
- Genesis 8:20-22 Noah gives God a burnt offering
- Genesis 22:7-8, 13 Abraham is prepared to offer his son Issac as a burnt offering
- 1 Chronicles 29:21 Solomon offers burnt offerings as being selected as King
- 1 Kings 8:63-64; 2 Chr 7:1-3 Solomon offers burnt offerings for the Temple dedication

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**Commitments for giving your life fully to Christ**

A true and whole sacrifice requires commitment. That commitment must take place on a number of levels. Galatians 5:9 says a little leaven will will leaven corrupt all of the dough. We have to purge from our lives anything that disrupts, our focus from growing in Christ. With that in mind over the next few weeks we will look at the commitments, as laid out by Peter, to fully committ our lives to Christ.

**Psalm 37:5** - <sup>5</sup>Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring **it** to pass.

What is "IT"? What exactly is God going to bring to pass?

- 1) God will give you eternal live v. 3 (John 6:54-55, **Romans 10:9-10**)
- 2) God will supply your needs v. 3 (**Phillipians 4:19**)
- 3) God will give you the desires of your heart v. 4 (**1 John 3:22**, 1 John 5:15)

**April 26, 2009 – Commitment #1 Diligence**

2 Peter 1:5 And beside this, **giving all diligence**, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

2 Peter 1 (New Living Translation)

*Greetings from Peter*

<sup>1</sup> This letter is from Simon<sup>[a]</sup> Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ.

I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness<sup>[b]</sup> of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior.

<sup>2</sup> May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

*Growing in Faith*

<sup>3</sup> By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup> And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

<sup>5</sup> **In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises.** Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge,

1. What is Diligence?

- a. Constant attention to your salvation
  - i. 1 Peter 5:8 The devil seeks you as a roaring lion
  - ii. 1 Thess 5:4-8 Watch & be sober
  - iii. 1 Thess 5:17 Pray continually
- b. Porserverance
  - i. Galatians 6:9 Continue in well doing you will reap if you faint not
  - ii. Phil 3:13-14

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- iii. 1 Peter 2:15
- c. Painstaking Effort
  - i. Matt 5 Blessed are they that hunger & thirst after righteousness
  - ii. Galatian 5:24 Crucify the flesh

## 2. What's required for diligence

- a. We must have Faith in the goal
  - i. Heb 11:6
  - ii. Romans 10:9
- b. We must commit our hearts to the goal
  - i. Prov 4:23 keep your heart
  - ii. 2 Chr 31:21 Hezekiah prospered in all He did because of his heart
  - iii. 2 Chr 25:2 Amaziah did not prosper in what he did because his heart was not perfect.
- c. We must place value on your goal
  - i. Romans 8:38-39
- d. We must make our goal the priority
  - i. Matt 6:33
- e. We must remove chaos from our lives
  - i. 1 Cor 14:33 God is not the author of confusion
  - ii. Heb 12:1 Cast aside every weight & sin that's getting in your way
- f. We must be stubborn about our goal
  - i. 1 Cor 15:57
- g. We must never lose sight of our goal?
  - i. 2 Cor 4:10

## 3. Examples of diligence

- a. Nehemiah 4:6 Re-built the walls of Jerusalem
- b. Ruth
- c. Hezekiah 2 Chro 31:21