

THE POWER OF AN OFFERING

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“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 2:5

As God’s chosen people we are a royal priesthood called to offer spiritual sacrifices to Him. In the old covenant the Levitical Priests offered natural sacrifices such as bulls, goats and lambs. However, in the new covenant, established by Jesus Christ the Lamb of God, we offer spiritual sacrifices. Sacrifices in the old and new covenants were made so man could draw near to the Lord. We are told these sacrifices are to be acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. If there are acceptable sacrifices then there also must be unacceptable sacrifices. It must be our pursuit to find out what is acceptable and pleasing to the Lord.

Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice. Father God offered up the very best He had by giving His only begotten Son for the sins of mankind. That sacrifice that was offered up two thousand years ago still has power today. Every time someone calls upon the Name of the Lord, Father God is reminded of that sacrifice. That offering today is still reaping a harvest of souls.

We see the ‘power of an offering’ in the life of Job. When the enemy came to sift Job, the first thing he took was his oxen.

He tried to take from him the ability to give God an offering. The enemy took all Job had but could not take away his praise. Job’s response to the tragedies in his life was, *“the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the Name of the Lord”*. There is never a day in our life in which we do not have something to offer the Lord. Within your offering there is the ability to change your future. In the midst of Job’s calamity he sacrificed unto the Lord the best he had. The Lord took it, blessed him and restored to him double of all he had lost.

King Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings unto the Lord. That evening the Lord responded to Solomon by appearing to him. His offering so touched the Lord that he asked Solomon *“Ask me what I can do for thee”*. The power of his offering moved the Lord to provoke Solomon to ask the Lord what He could do for him. When my offering touches my heart, it will also touch the heart of the Father. How incredible, Solomon did not have to pray or plead for God to move, but the power of his offering moved the heavens on his behalf. Solomon replied to the Lord’s question by asking for wisdom and God granted his request.

The story of the Prophet Elijah and the widow woman at Zarephath clearly reveals the ‘power of an offering’. Our story begins when the prophet met this woman at the gate gathering sticks so she could prepare the last meal for her and her son. The nation had been in a drought and many were dying of famine. The prophet asked her for a drink of water and some bread.

Her reply was, "I only have a little oil in my cruise and a handful of meal in a barrel. I will go in, prepare a cake for my son and myself that we may eat it and die". The prophet told her, "fear not, go and do what you have said, but make me a cake first, after that make one for you and your son". What she called the last, the prophet called it the first.

Many times God allows us to get to the bottom of the barrel so he can give us a miracle! If we will learn to offer the first to the Lord, he will take the limitations off the miracle we need. What this woman saw as little, God saw as much. A little is a lot in the hands of Almighty God. The power of her offering sustained her throughout the remaining time of famine. The Word of God says the barrel of meal and the cruise of oil did not fail. Her offering broke the back of lack off her and her son by creating a miracle in her house. What is in your house? There is never a day God does not leave us something to offer Him that will change our lives forever! The woman at Zarephath had lost her expectation for anything good to happen. But the Word of God in the prophet's mouth and the power of an offering restored her expectation and released the miracle needed for her family. What we expect is what we receive, no more and no less.

Repeatedly in my own life, I have found myself in great need of heaven to move for me and through the power of an offering God has moved on my behalf. I have learned if it does not touch my heart it will never touch the Lord's!

At this present time the Lord Jesus Christ is raising up a new breed of believers, a new priesthood who will be willing and

obedient in this day of His power. Willing to offer Him whatever He may ask of us. There is nothing God will not do for a man or woman who offers themselves unconditionally to Him; He will cause heaven and earth to move for them. We must not complain and murmur about our environments and conditions; He has given us the power of an offering to create the miracles needed. The Word of God calls it the working of miracles; through an offering we can work a miracle. What is in your hand? What is in your house? What has He left you with to create the miracle needed? Release it to Him in the power of an offering and watch heaven move!

In 2 Samuel 24 we see this principle of the power of an offering unfold in the life of David. Because of his disobedience a plague was released on the men of Israel killing seventy thousand men. King David immediately went to the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. When Araunah saw the King he asked him why he was there. David said "to buy the threshing floor to build an altar unto the Lord that the plague might be stopped". Araunah offered it to David without a price. But David responded by saying "No, I will surely buy it of thee at a price, neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which does cost me nothing." Once he purchased it and offered the sacrifice to the Lord the plague was stopped. Once again if it does not touch your heart your offering will never touch His heart. It is not only what we offer Him, but why we offer it. Your offering should be an extension of your heart. We offer to the Lord not only because we need to or have to, but because we want to! King David paid the price of fifty shekels of silver which is the number for jubilee, freedom and liberty.

Silver speaks of redemption. Through the power of an offering our God can redeem impossible situations and usher jubilee into our lives.

If you want something you have never had before, you have to do something you have never done. The priests of old could not come before the Lord empty handed and neither should we. Give God something to work a miracle with. Give Him something that touches your heart and watch it touch His!



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