

SERMON SERIES

SACRIFICE



SACRIFICE In the Old Testament:

- The act of offering something as a means of atonement, worship, or thanksgiving
- The offering may involve slaughtering an animal or making an offering of grain or another agricultural product
- Leviticus 1-7



SACRIFICE In the New Testament:

- The New Testament applies the Old Testament concept of sacrifice to Christ
- “so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.”
– Hebrews 9:28



**JESUS IS THE
PERFECT SACRIFICE!**



But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.

Philippians 2:17



MY LIFE -
A LIVING
SACRIFICE



ROMANS 12

WE ARE THE LIVING SACRIFICE



Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2



A LIVING SACRIFICE...

**Lives in gratitude
to God's mercy**



Therefore

- for that reason; consequently

I urge you

- I appeal to you (be willing to offer)

Mercies of God

- all that God has done for you



Your bodies

- give of your entire self (YOUR LIFE)

Living Sacrifice

- brought alive to the altar
- a choice
- stays alive at the altar
- ongoing



A LIVING SACRIFICE...

**Worships God with
their whole life**



Worship

- Ministry or service
- *'Avodah'*
- Jointly means work, worship and service



"Six days you shall work (*avodah*)." **- Exodus 34:21**

"Then man goes out to his work (*avodah*), to his labor until evening." **- Psalm 104:23**

"This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may worship (*avodah*) me." **- Exodus 8:1**

"But as for me and my household, we will serve (*avodah*) the Lord." **- Joshua 24:15**



An aerial photograph of a dense urban area, possibly a city center, with numerous buildings and streets. The image is framed with a circular vignette effect, making the center of the city more prominent. The overall tone is muted and slightly desaturated.

A LIVING SACRIFICE...
Worships God with their whole life

RESIST CONFORMING TO THE WORLD

Do not be SHAPED by the world

A LIVING SACRIFICE...
Worships God with their whole life

TRANSFORMED BY RENEWING OF THE MIND

- **Metamorphosis**
- **Renovation**
- **Complete change**

A LIVING SACRIFICE...
Worships God with their whole life

PURSUE GOD'S WILL

The best way to live is to live in
the center of God's will



A LIVING SACRIFICE...

**Serves the
body of Christ**

ROMANS 12:3-8



A dense forest with tall, thin trees and sunlight filtering through the canopy. The text is overlaid in the center in a bold, white font.

Serve with humility
Serve the body in unity
Serve with the gifts God has given you



OUR CULTURE TODAY

Self-seeking

Self-glorifying

Self-serving

Self-promoting

**LORD, I AM YOURS!
USE ME, SPEND ME, MOLD ME!**





**A RENEWED PERSPECTIVE
A RENEWED HEART**

A TRANSFORMED LIFE