
The Power Of The Offering, Part I (What Shall I Render?)

Faith And Finances, Part II

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Sermon: Faith And Finances, Part II: The Power Of The Offering, Part I (What Shall I Render?)

Lesson Text

Psalms 116:12–19 (KJV)¹² What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me? ¹³ I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. ¹⁴ I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of his saints. ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. ¹⁷ I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD. ¹⁸ I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹ In the courts of the LORD’S house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalms 100:1–5 (KJV)¹ Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. ² Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. ³ Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name. ⁵ For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

Introduction

This series, “Faith & Finances,” is about the four things we must do with the blessings of the Lord so that we can walk in his covenant to prosper us so that we can be a blessing to the world.

- Bring our **Tithe**, Sow a **Seed**, Give an **Offering**, and Bless someone with a **Gift**.

The first two, Tithings and Sowing, have promises of reciprocation. That is, if we do them, we are promised something in return (Breaking Generational Curses, Establishing Generational Wealth, Opening Up Heaven’s Windows & Doors, and Reaping a Hundredfold Harvest).

The last two, however, Offering and Gifts, do not necessarily have a reciprocation promise. They should be done “not for” but “because.” It is the difference between reciprocal love and unconditional love.

Most people love with the expectation of receiving love in return. But some love must be given unconditionally without any expectation of return; it’s not, just because.

Offerings to God must be given not because we will get a return, but because we just love God. Everything can’t be about what you will get in return; it’s not a seed, it’s an offering.

There were 5 types of offerings or sacrifices in the Bible that Israel brought the Lord:

- The Burnt Offering was the first of the voluntary offerings, which were made to express worship, devotion, and commitment to God.

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- The Grain Offering was the second voluntary offering, in which the worshiper offers to express gratitude and thanksgiving, recognizing the Lord's favor, unmerited grace.
- The Peace Offering was the third voluntary offering. It expressed thanksgiving for his provisions and praise that emphasized His fellowship and presence.
- The Sin Offering was a mandatory offering for the atonement for sins and cleansing from defilement.
- The Trespass Offering was the second mandatory offering for the atonement for unintentional sins against each other.

Now through Jesus Christ, the two mandatory offerings, Sin and Trespass, have been paid. And in return, he simply asks us to keep two commandments: Love God with all our hearts, and to Love our neighbor as ourselves.

And so, when we look at offerings today, it's the first three I want us to focus on.

Our lesson text opens up by asking this question, "What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me?" It goes on to answer three things:

- The Cup of Salvation, Worship (The Burnt Offering)
- The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving (The Grain Offering)
- The Vow of our Praise (The Peace Offering)

Today's message shows us how to tap into the power that comes through our offerings to God.

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(The Burnt Offering, The Grain Offering, The Peace Offering)

I. The Burnt Offering of Worship

Psalm 116: ¹³ I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. ¹⁴ I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

One of the first things our offerings should represent is The Burnt Offering of Worship.

Worship is the feeling or expression of reverence, adoration, and devotion to God. It is the homage (reverence, honor, or service) that is to be given to God.

The Burnt Offering of Worship should be offered to God first and only. It is literally a sin to offer it to anything or anyone else:

- Exodus 20:2–3 (KJV)² I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ³ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- Exodus 34:14 (KJV)¹⁴ For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God:
- Matthew 6:33 (KJV)³³ **But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

The Burnt Offering of Worship should be offered as a requirement of every Christian:

- Deuteronomy 10:12–13 (KJV)¹² And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, ¹³ To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?
- Micah 6:8 (KJV)⁸ He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

The Burnt Offering of Worship should be offered to God cheerfully and with gladness:

- Psalm 100:1–5 (KJV)¹ Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. ² Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. ³ Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 (KJV)⁷ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

II. Grain Offering of Thanksgiving

Psalm 116: ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. ¹⁷ I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

The next thing our offerings should represent is the Grain Offering of Thanksgiving.

Too many Christians spend too much time telling God what they need and want, and not enough time thanking God for what he's already done.

Yes, we have needs, and, yes, we should petition God, but let's first learn to thank God.

The Grain Offering of Thanksgiving should be offered to God for what he's already done.

- Our needs and cares of this world have gotten us filled with anxiety, stress, and worry about our future, when we should be thanking God for what he's already done in our past.
- Matthew 6:34 (KJV)³⁴ **Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.**

The Grain Offering of Thanksgiving should be offered to God for the peace he gives us.

- Philippians 4:6–7 (KJV)⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- Isaiah 26:3 (KJV)³ Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

III. Peace Offering of Praise

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Psalms 116: ¹⁸ I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹ In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

- The Burnt Offering of Worship should be offered to put God first
- The Grain Offering of Thanksgiving should be offered to thank God for what he's already done.
- The Peace Offering of Praise should be offered as fellowship in the presence of God.

The Peace Offering of Praise should be a vow or promise made to God to give to him regardless of your present conditions. It can't just be when you're happy, when things are good.

- Psalm 50:14 (KJV)¹⁴ Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:
- Hebrews 13:15 (KJV)¹⁵ By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.
- Psalm 34:1–3 (KJV)¹ I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth. ² My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad. ³ O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

The Peace Offering of Praise should be done for fellowship and the presence of the Lord

- It should be done in the Lord's house, and it should be done in the Lord's presence.
- Psalm 116: ¹⁹ In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.
- Psalm 100: ⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name. ⁵ For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.
- Psalm 22:3 (KJV)³ But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

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Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Power Of The Offering, Part I (What Shall I Render?))

Lesson Text

- Psalm 116:12–19, Psalm 100:1–5

Sermon Outline

- I. *The Burnt Offering of Worship*
- II. *Grain Offering of Thanksgiving*
- III. *Peace Offering of Praise*

Questions: (What was your main takeaway from this message?)

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. You have to wear a t-shirt with one word on it for a year. Which word would you choose?
2. What song best describes your life?

II. Into The Bible

1. Genesis 8:20–22 introduces Noah’s burnt offering as a “pleasing aroma” leading to God’s covenant promise, and Psalms 116:17 and 100:4 speak of the “sacrifice of thanksgiving.” How do these Old Testament offerings—both burnt and thanksgiving—anticipate Jesus’ once-for-all sacrifice? What does the imagery of a “pleasing aroma” teach us about the nature and effect of Christ’s death on our behalf?
2. Leviticus 7:12–15 describes the peace offering as a shared, time-bound meal, and Psalm 116:17–19 calls it a sacrifice of thanksgiving in God’s courts. How do these passages together show the peace offering as both a fellowship meal and a sacrifice of praise—and what does this teach us about the intimacy and holiness of worship when God’s people dine together before Him?

III. Life Application

1. Write a thanksgiving worship to accompany your monetary offering.
2. Use the scriptures in the lesson to develop offerings of worship and praise.