

CONTINUALLY THANKING GOD

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HEBREWS 13:15

- Why continually? To build up God's ego, self-esteem? No! To remind us of the great things he's done for us so we don't get off course and follow a wrong path for our lives as the Israelites did. There's much to be said about that trek from Egypt to Canaan's land that's been overlooked.
- A sacrifice involves giving something valuable to us, like our lives, time or finances. Biblically, it's giving offerings to promote fellowship with God: Sin, trespass, burnt, meal and peace. The sacrifice could be an animal or mixing oil with fine flour and baking it to produce a sweet-smelling savor.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:

- V1-4 - They all experienced the same deliverance.
- V5 - Faith pleases God. Faith believes what God says. Instead, they focused on their circumstances and not God's past, present and future blessings. Their ingratitude affected their behavior and brought judgment.
- V6 - Their experience was recorded for our benefit.
- V7-10 - Ingratitude is not appreciating what we have and have been given.
- V11-13 - No one is exempt from falling.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:

- V17 - They were making things worse.
- V20-22 - They lost sight of what the last supper represents.
- V23-26 - This supper represents our past (death), present (show), and future till He comes) blessings.
- V27-32 - Proper participation produces blessing, improper produces judgment. The past (deliverance), the future (our future hope), and the present (being thankful enough to live pleasing lives now) (conduct, character and attitudes.)

GOD'S VIEW OF THEIR SACRIFICES

ISAIAH 1:11-14 (NLT) Burdensome

AMOS 5:21-24 (NLT) Hypocritical

SACRIFICES MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT OF AN ANIMAL

1. Obedience. **1 SAMUEL 15:22-23 (NLT)**
2. Showing love and knowing Him. **HOSEA 6:6 (NLT)**
3. Doing what is right and just. **PROVERBS 21:3 (NLT)**
4. A broken and repentant heart. **PSALMS 51:16-17 (NLT)**
5. Giving thanks to His name. **HEBREWS 13:15**
6. Doing good and giving to the poor. **HEBREWS 13:16**