

# THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

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## INTRODUCTION:

Our desire is for God to pour out His spirit, manifest His glory and demonstrate His power among us. The emphasis being on God releasing more fire. Does God need to release more fire, or do we need to add more fuel to the divine flame?

### LEV. 9:23-24

When Moses set up the tabernacle and followed God's instructions for sacrifices, a holy fire came out from God and consumed them. Preparation was made by human hands and the fire was kindled by a divine flame. This reveals the law of divine and human co-operation.

### LEV. 6:13

Once the holy flame was kindled, it became the solemn responsibility of every priest to keep the fire alive and ever burning. They were to watch over it, cherish it, and provide the fuel necessary to make it a permanent fire.

- **EX. 29:38-42** Continually reveals the need for sacrifices to be made continuously in order to have fellowship with God.

### LEV. 10:1-2

God cares greatly how He is worshipped. He specified what they are to bring, how they are to bring it and what's to be sacrificed. God laid down the rules of approach. Violating His rules resulted in death. We have no access to Him apart from a continuous blood sacrifice. To meet with Him, to experience Him, to speak with Him, requires a blood sacrifice.

### HEB. 10:17-23

The blood of Jesus fulfills the picture of the burnt sacrifice. The ultimate goal of redemption is relationship, fellowship and communion with God. Once offered, the blood of Jesus speaks continuously of our redemptive right to approach the throne. No other blood sacrifice is necessary (**HEB. 10:1-14**).

### 1 PET. 2:5,9

Just as the priests were to provide fuel for the fire in their day, we of the royal priesthood are to provide fuel for the fire that's been kindled upon the altar of our hearts.

- **ACTS 2:1-4** The fire sat upon each of them. The holy flame was kindled. Now we must add fuel to the fire daily or continuously to keep it ablaze in our lives.
- The fire represents the divine life. The priesthood represents the maintenance of spiritual life being our ever-present responsibility.
- **ROM. 12:1** As believers, we have an altar upon which we are exhorted to present ourselves as living sacrifices to God. Our daily consecration is what fuels the divine flame.

### HEB. 13:15

The sacrifice that fuels the divine flame is our continually giving thanks to His Name.

- Our praise is like adding air to a fire. We praise, God breathes, the fire burns brightly, and burns up whatever causes the fire to burn low. It's like stoking the fire.

**CONCLUSION:** As we approach the thanksgiving season, may we never forget our responsibility to make giving thanks to God for all He's done a **daily, continuous practice, and not a yearly one!**