

Lenten Devotional

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A Living Sacrifice

Read Romans 12:1-2

Key Verse: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1)

God gave His only Son to die for my sins: He sent the Holy Spirit as a Comforter who guides and teaches me every day; He promised that I am to be glorified as an heir of the Father Himself. Think of the immeasurable mercies of God! And because of what God has done I am asked to make a sacrifice. Now what sacrifice is it that He wants from me? Do I comprehend what is meant by sacrifice? Is this part of my knowledge or experience? Many of the early Christians were familiar with the Word, but their knowledge was of dead sacrifices offered to God.

I am asked to make a living sacrifice, and it is to be my body—my very precious possession. Is this reasonable as the Scripture says? When I consider the Sacrifice that was made for me at Calvary, surely it is reasonable to offer my total self to Him. My time, my thoughts, my talents, my energy, my mind, and any other part of my being are all His. My living body is to praise Him, to love Him, to serve Him as long as I live.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, When I think of the Cross on which the Lord Jesus died I can only say, “Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all.” Amen