

**YAHWEH, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, IS WITH US!**

**Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins ...  
(Isaiah 58:1)**

# Animal Sacrifices

Study Carefully & Study Prayerfully

Hebrews 7:27

Who needeth not daily, as those priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did **Once**, when he offered up himself.

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## Spiritual Sacrifices for Today

Does all this mean that Christians need do nothing but believe in Christ? That no offerings or sacrifices are necessary in this day and age? Obviously not. Believers confessing faith in Christ are expected to make many sacrifices: but they are sacrifices of a **different kind**: sacrifices which call for *self-discipline, good communications, generosity, praise, thanksgiving, obedience and holiness*. These sacrifices are often harder to make than people imagine. The Most High is now calling upon His people to make these sacrifices.

The following passages will explain this fact more fully:

- **Praise / Thanksgiving / Brotherly love**

Hebrews 13:15 "*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. 16: But to **do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.**"*

1 Peter 2: 5: *Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up **spiritual sacrifices**, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ...*  
9: *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the **praises** of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.*

- **Holy living**

Romans 12:1 "*I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that **ye present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*"

What do these texts mean? They mean that believers living in this generation do not need to offer animal sacrifices for redemption, pardon, cleansing or sanctification. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, the missing records of Aaron's line and the sacrifice and blood of Jesus Christ all mean that the sacrificing of animals is not only obsolete, but **illegal**. Instead, new covenant believers are expected to surrender and offer the Almighty the following spiritual sacrifices:

- Our love of Luxury
- Our spare Time
- Faith
- Praise
- Thanksgiving
- Brotherly-love
- Meekness
- Generosity
- Hospitality
- Kindness
- Mercy
- Purity
- Obedience
- Holiness etc.

These are the **living sacrifices** the Almighty is looking for: because they alone prove that our love for Him is genuine and our faith alive. And, strange as it may seem, it is only by the power of the **Blood of Christ** that we can ever hope to present such sacrifices and win the Almighty's favour. The blood of bulls, rams, goats, lambs and birds can never in a million years do this. Are you dear reader able to grasp the enormity of this truth?

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