SYSTEMATIC BIBLE STUDY
....Giving Your Life A Quality & True Direction

Higher Calling - Higher Responsibility

THEME:
THE BLESSINGS OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING

PART 1-9

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TOPIC: THE BLESSINGS OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING PT. 1

TEXT: 1 Chro. 21:22-26, Luke 7:2-5,

INTRO: This teaching is a very unique because it will open our eyes to run away from a selfish way of life. Sacrificial giving is a teaching that many servants of God neglect because of the negative reaction many church members. Here we can see three kinds of men, one that bought a land and built an Altar for the Lord to avert a destructive plague in a nation 1 Chro. 21:22-26, another which gave a land and built a synagogue (Cathedral) for the nation of Israel Luke 7:2-5, and finally the one that gave his son as a sacrifice to please the heart of God. Gen. 22:1-18.

WHAT IS SACRIFICAL GIVING?

Sacrifice is an act of killing an animal or a person or surrendering a possession as an offering to God or to a divine or supernatural figure. An animal, person, or object offered in this way is called sacrifice. An act of giving up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important or worthy. Like the present project of Dominion Wonder Cathedral that is under construction, God will not send angels from heaven to do the work, we must know it is our responsibility to sacrifice for the building to be completed. Ezra 3: 6-10. We must all be prepared to MAKE SACRIFICES. Heb. 11:4

1. Sacrificial giving is an excellent, unusual, uncommon, outstanding, a painful and extraordinary giving that cost you much in order to attract the attention of God towards you in a particular area of your life. 1 Kings 3:4-15, 2 Chro. 1:6-12,
2. Sacrificial giving is a demand from a higher power to know your level of love, worship, commitment and service for him. Gen, 22:1-18
3. Sacrificial giving is what we do to avert the devastating plans of the enemy against life and future. 1 Chro.21:22-26
4. Sacrificial giving is a new foundation we lay to build a strong fresh future for our destiny. Heb. 6:10, Heb.13:16
5. Sacrificial giving is an act of love to show God how important He is in our life. Luke 6:38
6. Sacrificial giving is a painful act toward a personality you reverence or respect much to show your appreciation to him. 1 Thesso. 12-13, Psalms 126:5-6

QUESTIONS ON SACRIFICE
1. What is sacrifice according to our teaching?
2. What does sacrifice really show?
3. Is Sacrifice really important today?
4. What have you learned personally concerning sacrifice?

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TEXT: Luke 7:2-5,

INTRO: In the part two of this teaching, we have to still look carefully at the lives of the people we studied before. David - 1 Chro. 21:22-26, The military Officer- Luke 7:2-5, father Abraham. Gen. 22:1-18.

WHY DO MEN SACRIFICE UNTO GOD?
From our introduction, we can understand that sacrifice is an act of surrendering a valuable possession to the service of a superior being. We then as Christians must prepare to follow the steps of our patriarchs in serving God if we really need His full blessings. Therefore men sacrifice unto God because they love Him or for one major blessing or the other according to the need that arises. Saphira and Ananias saw their wealth more important than God and they paid dearly for that.

• TWELVE PERSONALITIES THAT SACRIFICED TO GOD
1. God gave his only son sacrificially to save mankind John 3:16
2. Abel gave the best of his live stock to show a deep love for God. Gen. 4:3-8,
3. Abraham gave his only son sacrificially to please the heart of God. Heb.11:17-19
4. A Moabite king sacrificed his child to win a battle he was losing. 2 Kings 3:26-27
5. Solomon gave to dedicate God’s House. 1 Kings 8:63-64
6. Japhthah gave his daughter to fulfill a vow made unto God. Judges 11:29-40
7. David bought a land for a sacrifice to advert a dangerous plague on God’s people. 1 Chro.21:22-26
8. The Shunamite woman gave to sustain a prophet. 2 Kings 4:8-37
10. Barnabas sold his land and gave all the money for the work of God. Acts 4:36-37
11. Mary gave to show love and prepare the death of Christ. Matt. 26:6-13
12. A widow gave her all in the midst of great people to show how to give. Mark 12:41-44

QUESTIONS ON SACRIFICE
1. Can you name one person that sacrificed in Old Testament?
2. Can you name two persons that sacrificed in the New Testament?
3. Do you think sacrifice reduces or increases people life and future?
4. Who suppose to sacrifice according to our teaching?
5. What is your attitude in comparison to Acts 5:1-11

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TEXT: Gen.8:18-21

INTRO: God speak to men to do something better than they have been doing whenever he wants to change their level. In the natural realm, if you have built a bungalow and you want to change it to either a storey building or sky scrapper; you need to prepare more money, materials, people and other resources to be able to achieve this. Luke 14:28-30.

* SEVEN STRONG REASONS FOR SACRIFICIAL GIVING
  1. Sacrificial giving shows you are not ungrateful towards God. Luke 12:16-21
  2. Sacrificial giving proves your true love for your God 1 Chro. 21: 22-26
  3. Sacrificial giving shows your total reliance on God Job 1:5, Psalms 126:5-6
  4. Sacrificial giving shows your value for God Gen. 8:18-21, Job 36:10-12
  5. Sacrificial giving will take you to another realm of God’s blessings Gen. 22:1-18
  6. Sacrificial giving will change your entire destiny and generation Gen.14:17-20
  7. Sacrificial giving will prove your preferred place of your TREASURE Matt. 6:19-21.

* SEVEN BLESSINGS OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING
  2. Victory over your enemies 2 kings 3:26-27
  3. Abundant and unlimited blessings Psalms 126.5-6
  5. Divine intervention and protection 1 Chro. 21:22-26, Psalms 121:1-8
  6. All round Family blessings Psalms 127:1-5

QUESTIONS ON SACRIFICE
1. Mention two strong reasons for sacrificial giving?
2. How many times do we need to sacrifice?
3. Is there any blessing in sacrificial giving? Prove it.
4. What of, if I refuse to sacrifice?
5. Does Jesus sacrifice on the cross stop us from sacrificing today?
6. What kind of sacrifice do you think God need from us today?
7. When do we have to sacrifice, is it only when in trouble?
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TEXT: Psalms 107:21-32, Psalms 66:10-16,

INTRO: Sacrifice is what God demands when He wants to test our true love, commitment and service for him. He has given us life and everything to enjoy 1 Tim. 6:17, but when he demands for anything, He watches our attitude in obedience to His command. Sacrifice does not reduce you or what you have, instead it increases you. According to Job 42:8-9, remember that God asked for sacrifice before Job could pray for his friends. Prayer is not enough, but PRAYER PLUS SACRIFICE equal GREAT SUCCESS. Sacrifice is an act of Faith that follows prayer as Abel and Abraham did. Gen.4:3-8, Heb.11:4, Heb.11:17-19.

• GOD IS BEHIND ALL YOUR SACRIFICES

God wants you to have a lasting wealth with a good foundation. Deut. 8:7-10. If you allow God to be in-charge of all you do, giving Him his portion sacrificially, nothing will fight and win or stop you in life. Solomon had an attitude of sacrifice in obeying God total, 1 Kings 8:63-64. God does not want you to lay a foundation that will be destroyed after you have labored; that is why He always asks us to connect our life and family to Him through sacrifice, 2 Chro.7:5-8. He wants you to recognize that He is the One that give you the POWER to acquire WEALTH. Deut.8:11-18.

• YOUR VALUE FOR GOD DETERMINES THE QUALITY OF YOUR SACRIFICE

Many people complain that they are poor, but several are the cause of their poverty. When you devalue God in your mind or see Him as nothing, you give Him things that do not cost you anything and many of us are victims of this character, Mal. 1:6-8. The truth is when you value Him, your worship, giving, sacrifice, love, commitment and service will cost you according to your value for Him. Acts 4:34-37.

Living according to God’s word on sacrificial giving connects you to a quality divine protection and great wealth of prosperity Job 36:10-12, while others suffer terrible shipwreck, poverty, destruction, shame, misery or breakdown through disobedience; you will be constantly swimming in the ocean of wealth. Job 22:21-30.

Nothing rejoices the heart of God like coming back to say thank you when He has visited you in times of trouble. Psalms 66: 13-16, Luke 17:12-19. If it is difficult for you to sacrifice to God, then your prayer for God to give you unusual, uncommon, extraordinary, outstanding, excellent blessings will be a foolish act. Gen.4:3-8

QUESTIONS ON SACRIFICE
1. Mention some reasons why God demand for sacrifice?
2. Do you think some people are the cause of their poverty? Explain.
3. Does Barnabas look like a fool for selling his land and giving for the work of God?
4. When people refuse to come back and say thank you according to Ps.66:13-16, how does God feel? Congregational Discussion and Pastor’s final explanation.
TOPIC: THE BLESSINGS OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING PT. 5

TEXT: Gen. 4:3-8

INTRO: The God that created the heavens and earth never lacks anything. Whenever he asks for anything from us, he has already set up a plan to lift us up from a lower level to another high level, but as you know that in every educational system, it takes an examination to be promoted to a higher class. It is true that in our worldly system, we may be promoted without examination, but in the school of God, there is always a price to pay to be taken to another higher level, and this price differ from one to another. Luke 6:38, Prov. 11:24-26

• GOD’S UNCOMMON BLESSINGS ON SACRIFICIAL GIVING

  Nothing can equate the blessings that God releases to us after our sacrificial giving; Gen. 26:12-14. The mystery in sacrificial service is that your generations are connected to A LASTING blessings. You are like a fountain of life that will never dry up, A TREE PLANTED BY THE WATER. Jer. 17:7-8. Think about people who gave their land to the church, gave their car for church projects, gave huge amount of money, build a church house, gave seriously during church building project, such people never lack in life, neither their generation. They are turned to OCEAN OF WEALTH. God makes them fountain of GREATNESS. Gen. 12:1-3. May you be one of them in Jesus name.

  No one has ever involved in sacrificial giving without constant and surprising heavenly visitations. Job 42:12-17. Jephthah vowed to give God the best thing that comes out of his house, his daughter came out first and he still gave her to God by sacrifice despite the pain it caused him. Judges 11:29-40 Did you learn anything from this, that is why God blessed the people of old with much blessings.

• THE REAL MESSAGE IS OBEDIENCE

  Deut. 28:1-14 – The list of the blessings you see on this scripture are meant for those who are ready to obey God without reservation. Most of the time we complain of one problem and the other yet we live in outright disobedience against God. We refuse to pay out tithes, give quality offering, support missionary ventures, and close our heart when the pastor talks of any project and we still call ourselves true Christians. Matt.6:19-21. Carefully read 2 Tim. 3:1-5, you will see negative attitude of people concerning money. Lovers of themselves more than God, covetous, boasters, proud all because of earthly wealth that is meant for the work of God but all these were denied God. Read James 5:1-6.

  Can you borrow money or any valuable thing to do God service; just as you can borrow to solve your problems? See 2 Kings 6:1-7. Every act of sacrificial giving, manifested in the honour of God brings much blessings; 2 Kings 4:8-37. Any destiny that is connected to God through sacrifice cannot be stopped by the devil; Gen. 30:25-43.

  Prosperity is a mystery, when God has given you the keys, you will prosper without limitation. Gen. 31:1-18. Men that have made great success have always connected their testimonies to sacrifice; James 2:20-26. Abraham is a perfect example for us to follow, if we call him our father WE MUST DEVELOP HIS WAY OF LIFE IN OBEYING GOD. Isa.51:1-3.

QUESTIONS ON SACRIFICE

1. Do you think sacrificial giving is biblical? Read 2 Kgs.4:8-37 and explain.

2. Do you think you are qualified to receive all the blessings in Deut. 28:1-14 by your present attitude in giving?
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TEXT: 2 CHRO. 1:6-12

INTRO: Having carefully read the scriptures, do you think that God acts according to his word when people obey Him in totally? Do you think that God is not partial in treating the case of humanity? Do you think that God does things according to His word? Do you think that if you obey Him that He will really bless you. Jer. 1:12, Deut. 28:1-2, Psalms 1:1-4, Joshua 1:8

• SACRIFICIAL GIVING - THE MASTER KEY TO GOD’S TREASURE HOUSE
God never involve his children in unprofitable ventures; He always has a reward behind all our sacrificial activities. HE ALWAYS PAYS BACK. Heb. 6:10. If God sent a prophet to a poor widow to be cared for, and Jesus also commended a poor widow for sacrificial giving, then no one is exempted from sacrificial giving; Mk. 12:41-44, 1 Kings 17:8-16.

• TRANSFORMING YOUR LIFE FROM MEDIOCRITY TO UNLIMITED BLESSINGS
You may be born in poverty but poverty is not born in you, so demonstrate the nature of God which is giving; 2 Cor. 8:1-9. Many people say, when God will bless me, I will do GREAT THINGS FOR MY CHURCH, FOR MY PASTOR, but it is not true. If you are not faithful in the little you have, USING IT TO SERVE GOD, you cannot be faithful even when you HAVE MUCH. Luke 16:10-11.

The quality of what you give speaks of your value for God the giver; Mal.3:13-18, Mal. 1:6-8, Matt. 26:6-13. The mystery behind your sacrificial giving is in the seed you have sown that will germinate and transform your life and generation; 2 Cor. 9:6-13. When you give your sacrifice, you make a vacuum for God to fill you with greatness. Money is not the only thing we can give, so many people in the bible gave their houses, lands, live stocks etc, and today many do the same as our father always give testimony of how he has given out 3 cars sacrificially, house property also, for the kingdom purpose. Matt.19:29, Mark 10:29-30

QUESTIONS ON SACRIFICE
1. Do think God can still bless people today like in the bible?
2. Have you ever promised that you will do GREAT THINGS FOR GOD, and later you find your thinking it is much?
3. What is the level of your sacrifice in our present Cathedral Project?
4. Can you behave according to the widow in Mark 12:41-44?
5. Have you ever sold anything and use the money to do God a service?
6. Do you think you love God with your mouth sometimes, but your heart is very far from him?

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**TEXT: 1 Cor.4:7-8, Luke 12:16-21**

**INTRO:** Whatsoever you have today you received it from God, especially the life you have to produce all that you have. When you sit down to think about God, what are the things that come into your mind? Do you see God as one that is worthy and qualified to get your best resources? Several business men and women forget that their business belong to God.

* GOD DESERVES YOUR HIGHEST SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Every creature of God is mandated to sacrificially release their seed at certain times and seasons; *Luke 6:38.* Your treasure is only laid where you value most important; where do you value most important on earth? *Matt. 6:19-21.* Nothing is comparable to God’s sacrificial love and divine protection; when He demands a sacrifice, we should not hesitate to do it. *Ex. 20:24.*

When we quickly forget the good God has done in our life, we treat Him less than ordinary things. People who remember what God has always done for them, sacrifice to Him in return. *Psalms 66:13-16.* When the fear of God begins to diminish in you, you will begin to treat God like one of your small friends in the street. *Mal. 1:6-8, Haggai 1:3-11*

* YOUR VALUE FOR GOD DETERMINES THE VALUE OF YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Men that have devalued God in their heart have always ended in disaster. *Luke 12:16-21*

People that value God always think of the best before they offer their sacrifice to God.

Every act of true sacrifice brings us many blessings to untie our destiny from poverty to prosperity. *Job 36:10-12.* Prayer and fasting cannot change the place of sacrificial giving. Whatever you sow you reap the same. *2 Cor. 9:6, Gal. 6:7.* When you are looking for a great testimony; you simply need to obey the divine rules of sacrificial giving *James 2:20-22, 1 kings 17:9-15*

**QUESTIONS ON SACRIFICE**

1. Do you see yourself as one of those neglecting the work of God?
2. Have you ever made plans on how you will do great things for God and fulfill it?
3. Do you think we have a pressing need in this church right now and what are your plans?
4. As you watch our cathedral project, do you think God will send angels to come and work?
5. How do you want God to speak to you since you see need and projects and overlook them?

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TEXT: Matt. 10:17-25

INTRO: The worst thing that can happen to someone is to miss eternity because of his or her worldly goods Matt. 25:31-46. God who gave you life to achieve all these things is worthy of your sacrifice. The devil knows when we overcome the grip of selfishness; we have overcome every grip of poverty. We don’t overcome poverty by prayers; it is by outrageous and dangerous sacrificial giving. 2 Cor. 8:9-11.

• YOUR BEST SACRIFICE, GIVES YOU GOD’S BEST BLESSINGS
God never ask for non valuable things because He always gives us the best. No one forced the widow into a sacrificial offering; Mk. 12:41-44. Never wait for someone to force you into obeying the word of God in sacrificing to Him. God always watch when you give him anything. Never receive the FROWN of God during the worship of sacrificial thanksgiving. Luke 13:6-9, Isa. 5:1-6. Give God your best, and He will give you His best.

• SACRIFICE, THE ONLY WAY TO CHANGE YOUR DESTINY
If you need a generational blessing, it is only received through sacrificial seeds, offerings and thanksgivings. Jesus, said, wherever the gospel is preached, the act of this woman will be mentioned because she gave her best to Jesus. Have you actually been involved in great things that your church, your pastor will always remember and lift up a voice of joy. Has your name entered the royal list of Kingdom Builders like Mary. Sacrifice is the answer. Matt. 26:6-13. The thought that stopped you from your sacrificial thanksgiving will still bring you back to another low level of regret in life. Never give the devil an inch of hold in your life. Acts 4:34-37

QUESTIONS ON SACRIFICE
1. How do we contact generational blessings? Explain.
2. Mary gave her best, what is the best thing you have right now to offer for our church projects?
3. Do you think we can offer God anything that is more than the sacrifice of Christ’s death?
4. How many times do you think we can give and we stop giving for the work of God?

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INTRO: The kingdom of God is looking for those who are possessed with the spirit of sacrifice. No one can achieve great things for God until such has sold himself whole heartedly to God. Check your heart if you are truly committed into the service of God. Here is a list of kingdom builders, where is found your name doing great things. Rom. 16:1-27

• WHAT YOU CANNOT GIVE TO GOD, YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO HAVE
Whatever you possess that you cannot give out to God or his work automatically becomes your own God; Luke 6:38. Many do think that when they give anything in the church they are giving either to the pastor or the church. If you get angry when you are asked to give anything for the kingdom purpose, you have decided to end up in destruction without knowing it. Matt. 10:17-25. You cannot serve God and mammon. Luke 16:13. Nothing is too big to be given to the God you serve. Phil. 4:13-19 Apostle Paul commended the Macedonia Church for their sacrificial kind of giving. When you emulate sacrificial giving, then Phil. 4:19 will be evident in your life. The brightness of any man of God or a church is determined by the level of sacrificial love and giving of the members. 2 Sam. 23:8-23

• DETERMINE TODAY WHAT YOU CAN CONSTANTLY SACRIFICE TO GOD
Sacrifice is not what we do once; it is a life style of believers because we do not ask God to bless us once. God has given us life and he maintains our life on daily basis. He has given us all things to enjoy; he also gives us life to enjoy it. When you also despise God nothing giving him his portion, he will also take what belongs to him, which is your soul and finally you will become a BIG FOOL. Luke 12:16-21. TAKE TIME TO STUDY ON DIVERS SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT LEV.3:1-17 - LEV.8:1-38, NUMBERS 7:1-89, NUMBERS 28:1-END TO CHAPTER 31. What you will understand in the Old Testament sacrifices will educate you on how to relate with God in today’s New Testament Service.
QUESTIONS ON SACRIFICE

1. Have you thought why a poor widow should give all in the service of God?
2. Have you thought why Mary break the oil and poured all on Christ.
3. When you read Luke 8:1-3 does it motivate you to think on what to give in a bigger way?
4. What have you learned from Dorcas in the bible? Acts 9:36-43