

Fair Grove Church of Christ

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“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1)

Our next Song Night will be Wednesday June 28, 2023.

Please join us for an evening of song and prayer!

Article

Living Sacrifices of Reasonable Service - Isaac Helterbrand

God certainly deserves our best. After all, He has given us great mercy and hope by sending Jesus to die for our sins. We cannot ever truly repay God for all that He has done for us. Yet, there are some things that He expects in return. God expects us to make sacrifices for Him. No, I am not referring to the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament. I am referring to a much more recent command to make sacrifices. Read these words from the Apostle Paul.

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

Our way of making sacrifices to God is to serve Him with our lives. It is perfect poetry that God, an immortal being, died for us, so that we, mortal beings, can live for Him. As sad as it may be, many people take what God has given humankind for granted by choosing to live for themselves instead of serving God with their lives.

In Old Testament times, God’s people sacrificed animals to make atonement for their sins. God had certain expectations for those sacrifices. He wanted it to be the best that His people had to offer. In the book of Malachi, the priests of the Old Law were choosing to give undesirable sacrifices to God. They were offering the animals that they did not want to keep for themselves, rather than giving God their best.

“And you bring the stolen, the lame, and the sick; Thus you bring an offering! Should I accept this from your hand?” Says the LORD. “But cursed be the deceiver Who has in his flock a male, And takes a vow, But sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished— For I am a great King,” Says the LORD of hosts, “And My name is to be feared among the nations.” (Malachi 1:13-14).

It is possible for us to make the same mistake as the priests in the book of Malachi. We might choose to only serve God when it is convenient for us. We might only give God our leftovers of time and energy. We might say that we believe in God and love Him, but intentionally neglect to do the things that He asks of us or act the way He wants us to. When we do those things, we are offering Him the “stolen, the lame, and the sick” of what we have to offer.

Instead, we should choose to study the Bible to learn what God asks of us, then give it to Him. Worship Him the way He wants to be worshipped. Serve Him the way He wants to be served. God made a sacrifice for us that we cannot even truly fathom. He deserves our “reasonable service.”

About Us

We are a church that seeks to honor and glorify God by obedience to His word. We believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and only through following the Bible alone can we faithfully serve and worship Him. Please come visit to join us in learning about God's will and worshipping Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).

Invitation

The culture at Fair Grove Church of Christ is one of learning, growth, and love. Each of us wants to go to heaven and we are all willing to help each other out along the way. We study the Bible together to learn how to live and how to worship. We hold each other accountable in a kind and compassionate way. The most wonderful quality about this group of Christians is that they exemplify what it means to be God's family. We sincerely hope you will come and be our guest, and eventually join God's family here at Fair Church of Christ!

Visit our website!
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Meeting Times

Sunday

- **10:00AM Bible Study**
- **11:00AM Worship Service**

Wednesday

- **7:00PM Bible Study**

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