**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 06 May 2018**

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**Theme : As Living Sacrifice – Holy to Our GOD**

**In Previous Sermons Series on Kings, we Learnt Why Obedience is Better than *Any Sacrifice*.**

**1 Samuel 15: 10 – 11 (NLT)** Then the LORD said to Samuel, “I am sorry that I *ever made Saul king*, for he has not been loyal to ME and has ***refused to*** ***obey*** MY *Command*.”

Samuel was so deeply moved when he heard this that he cried out to the LORD all night.

**1 Samuel 15: 23**

“For *Rebellion* *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and *Stubbornness* *is as* *Iniquity* and *Idolatry.*

Because you have rejected the Word of the LORD, HE also *has rejected you* from *being* king."

**~ Idolatry is the *Cause* of Disobedience to the Word of GOD, as Iniquity is the *Root to Rebel*.**

 **- 1 Samuel 15: 23b (NLT)**

**~ Idolatry causes Adultery with the World, as Iniquity causes *Craving Lusts to Dominate* flesh**

 **- 1 John 2: 16 – 17 (NLT)**

**Obedience is the Key to be *Holy in Conduct*, which will be What Pleases the LORD our GOD.**

**~ 1 Peter 1: 14 – 16**

 As obedient children, *not conforming yourselves to the former lusts*, *as in* your ignorance;

 but as HE Who called you is Holy, you also be Holy in *all your conduct*, because it is written,

 "BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

**As GOD’s People in CHRIST, Washed by HIS Blood to be HIS Own *Special Holy Possession*.**

**~ 1 Peter 2: 9 – 10**

 But you are a *chosen generation*, a *Royal Priesthood*, a *Holy Nation*, HIS Own special people,

 that you may proclaim the Praises of HIM Who *called you out* of darkness *into* HIS Marvelous

 Light; who once *were* not a people but are now the people of GOD, who had not obtained Mercy

 but now have obtained Mercy.

 **~ Revelations 1: 6**

To HIM Who *loved us and washed us* from our sins in HIS Own Blood, and *has made us* ***King***

 ***and Priests*** to HIS GOD and FATHER, to HIM be Glory and Dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Daily *Living & Walking* in this World, Kingdom *within us*, Set ourselves Apart, Living Sacrifice**

**Romans 12: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the Mercies of GOD, to *present your bodies* [*dedicating*

*All of yourselves, Set apart*] as a *Living Sacrifice*, holy and *Well-pleasing* to GOD,

which is your rational (logical, intelligent) Act of Worship.

And do not be conformed to this world [*any longer with its superficial values and customs*], but be transformed and *progressively changed* [*as you mature spiritually*] by the Renewing of your mind [*focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes*], so that you may prove [*for yourselves*] What the

Will of GOD is, that which is Good and Acceptable and perfect [in HIS Plan and Purpose for you].

**~ Worship is our Offer of All Parts & Faculties as A Living Sacrifice – Spirit, Soul & Body.**

**~ Holy Sacrifice, Set Apart, Undefiled & Blameless, Acceptable & Pleasing to our GOD.**

**~ FATHER GOD is Seeking *True Worshipers*, Worship to be in Spirit and Truth, thru CHRIST.**

**John 4: 23 – 24 (NLT)**

“But the time is coming - indeed it’s here now - when True Worshipers will worship the FATHER in

Spirit and in Truth. The FATHER is looking for those who will worship HIM that way.

For GOD is SPIRIT, so those who worship HIM must worship in Spirit and in Truth.”

**Romans 12: 1 – 2 (MSG)**

So here's what I want you to do, GOD helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before GOD as *An Offerin*g.

Embracing What GOD does for you is the best thing you can do for HIM.

Don't become so *well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it* without even thinking. Instead,

fix your attention on GOD. YOU'll be changed from the inside out. *Readily recognize* What HE wants from you, and *quickly respond* to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you

down to its level of immaturity, GOD brings *the best out of you*, *develops well-formed maturity in you*.

**~ Act of Worship that is Acceptable to GOD > In OT to be Ceremonially Clean > Not Defiled.**

**~ In CHRIST, Sanctification by the SPIRIT of Truth, as Sins being Blotted Out by HIS Blood.**

**~ We are Not to Conform & Fit into World’s Culture & Lifestyle, be Defiled after *Sanctification*.**

**Isaiah 53: 5, 11**

But HE was wounded for our transgressions, HE was bruised *for our iniquities*; the chastisement for

our peace was upon HIM, and by HIS Stripes we are healed. HE shall see the labor of His Soul, and be satisfied. By HIS Knowledge MY Righteous Servant shall justify many, for HE shall *bear their iniquities*.

**1 Peter 1: 18 – 19 (NLT)**

For you know that GOD paid A Ransom *to save you from the empty life* you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value.

It was the precious Blood of CHRIST, the sinless, spotless Lamb of GOD.

**Staying in HIS Sanctification, by Guarding & Keeping our Hearts Clean, as Not to be Defiled.**

**Psalms 139: 23 – 24**

Search me, O GOD, and know my heart; Try me, and *know my anxieties*; and

See if *there is any* wicked way in me, and Lead me in the way everlasting.

**Psalm 19: 12 – 13**

Who can understand *his* errors ? Cleanse me from *secret* *faults.* Keep back YOUR servant also

from presumptuous *sins;* let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and

I shall be innocent of great transgression.

**Psalm 51: 1 – 3**

Have mercy upon me, O GOD, according to YOUR lovingkindness; according to the multitude of

YOUR tender Mercies, *Blot Out* my transgressions. *Wash me thoroughly* from my iniquity, and

*cleanse me from my sin*. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin *is always before me*.

**Psalm 51: 7, 9, 10 – 11**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; *Wash me*, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Hide YOUR Face from my sins, and *Blot Out* all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O GOD, and Renew a *steadfast spirit within* me.

Do not cast me away from YOUR Presence, and *do not take* YOUR HOLY SPIRIT from me.

**~ Our Desire to Be Clean in Heart, Acceptable for the LORD to Restore our Soul by the SPIRIT**

**Psalm 19: 14**

Let the words of my mouth and *the meditation of my heart* be Acceptable in YOUR Sight, O LORD,

my Strength and my Redeemer.

**Psalm 51: 12**

Restore to me the joy of YOUR Salvation, and uphold me by YOUR Generous SPIRIT.

**The LORD will Allow Trials & Tests to Break Prideful Spirit to be Sacrificial so as to Renew.**

**Psalm 51: 17**

The Sacrifices of GOD are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart - These, O GOD,

YOU will not despise.

**JESUS Spoke of Unforgiving as Accumulating Spiritual Debt to Defile a True Worshiper. ~ “And forgive us our Debts, as we forgive our Debtors.” – Matthew 6: 12. ~ Matthew 6: 14 – 15**

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly FATHER will also forgive you. But

if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your FATHER forgive your trespasses.”

**As JESUS Paid in Full All our Debts, we are Not to Accumulate Spiritual Debts as Unpayable. ~ Parable of Unforgiving Servant of the King**

 **Reference – Matthew 18: 21 – 34**

**Matthew 18: 35**

"So My Heavenly FATHER also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, *does not forgive* his brother his trespasses."

**Spiritual Debts Not Cancelled, Gives Place to the Enemy to enter *Door to the Heart* to Attack. Ephesians 4: 21 – 27**

If indeed you have heard HIM and have been taught by HIM, as the Truth is in JESUS: that you *put off*, concerning your former conduct, *the old* *man* which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and

be Renewed in *the spirit of your mind*, and that you put on the new man *which was created according to* GOD, in True Righteousness and Holiness. Therefore, *putting away lying*,

"LET EACH ONE OF YOU SPEAK TRUTH WITH HIS NEIGHBOR," for we are members of one another. "BE ANGRY, AND DO NOT SIN": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.

**Walking with UnRenewed Mind & Old Nature, Offences piles Up, Defiled so lose GOD’s Grace. Hebrews 12: 12 – 13 (AMP)**

So then, strengthen hands that are weak and knees that tremble. Cut through and make smooth,

straight paths for your feet [that are safe and *go in the right* *direction*], so that the leg *which is lame*

*may not be put out of joint*, but rather may be healed.

**Hebrews 12: 14 (AMP)**

*Continually* pursue peace with everyone, and *the Sanctification* without which no one will [ever] see the LORD.

**Hebrews 12: 15**

Looking carefully *lest anyone fall short* of the Grace of GOD; lest *any root of bitterness* springing up cause trouble, and by this *many become defiled*.

**All Forgiven are Sanctified, to Stay Clean & Purified, Holy to Honor GOD, so Ready for HIS Use.**

**2 Timothy 2: 21 – 22 (NLT)**

If you *keep yourself pure*, you will be a special utensil for Honorable use.

Your life will be clean, and you will be Ready for the Master *to use you for every good work*.

Run from *anything that stimulates youthful lusts*. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the LORD *with pure hearts*.

**1 Thessalonians 5: 19 – 23 (NLT)**

Do *not stifle* the HOLY SPIRIT. Do not scoff at prophecies, but test everything that is said.

Hold on to what is Good. Stay away from every kind of evil. Now may the GOD of Peace *make you holy in every way*, and may your whole spirit and soul and body *be kept blameless* until our LORD JESUS CHRIST comes again.

**Ephesians 4: 30 – 32**

And *do not grieve* the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD, by Whom you *were sealed for* the Day of Redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And

be kind to one another, tenderhearted, *forgiving one another*, even as GOD in CHRIST forgave you.

**JESUS’ Work on HIS CROSS is Finished > We are to Carry our own Cross to Follow HIM.**