**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 13 May 2018**

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**Theme : As Living Sacrifice – Holy to Our GOD (2)**

**In Previous Sermons Series on Kings, we Learnt Why Obedience is Better than *Any Sacrifice*.
- 1 Samuel 15: 10 – 11 (NLT)**

**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."

**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*.**

**~ We have our Identity in CHRIST - 1 Peter 2: 9 – 10 ; Revelations 1: 6**

**~ As Daily Living Sacrifice in this World, Kingdom *within us*, *Set Apart* from Worldliness Life.**

**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 > OT to be Ceremonially Clean > Not Defiled.**

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

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

**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.

**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 - 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.***

**Hebrews 12: 14 (AMP)**

*Continually* *pursue peace with everyone*, and ***the Sanctification*** without which

no one will [*Ever*] see the LORD.

**Keeping Ourselves in CHRIST’ Sanctification, so as Not Lose the Empowerment of Grace.**

**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 be Sanctified, Stay Clean & *Purified by the SPIRIT, Holy to Honor* GOD,**

**Ready for HIS Use.**

**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.

**Spiritual Hunger & Thirst from *Within* us as HIS *Spiritual Sacrifice* will *Create Desire of Purity*.**

**Matthew 5: 6, 8 (AMP)**

**~** "Blessed [joyful, nourished by GOD's Goodness] are those who *Hunge*r and *Thirst* for Righteousness [those who *Actively Seek* right standing with GOD], for they will be [completely] satisfied.”

**~** "Blessed [anticipating GOD's Presence, *Spiritually Mature*] are the pure in heart [those with *Integrity*, moral Courage, and *Godly character*], for they will see GOD.”

**Spiritual Righteousness by the SPIRIT is to be *Right with* GOD be Pleasing as Living Sacrifice ~ Not Back to the Flesh Desire, Back to Self Righteousness – to Self Way, Old Way of the Law.**

**JESUS’ Truth is the *Spiritual Standard* of Empowerment by HIS Grace to Attain by the SPIRIT.**

**Romans 8: 2 – 3 (AMP)**

For the Law of the SPIRIT of Life [*which is*] in CHRIST JESUS [the law of *our New Being*] has

*set you free from the law of sin and of death.* For what the Law could not do [*that is, overcome sin and remove its penalty, its power*] *being weakened by the flesh* **[*man's nature without* the HOLY** **SPIRIT],** GOD did: HE sent HIS Own SON in the likeness of sinful man as **An Offering for sin.**

And HE *condemned sin in the flesh* [***Subdued it*** *and* ***Overcame it*** *in the* Person of HIS Own SON].

**We in CHRIST, must Understand the Purpose of JESUS’ 1st Coming to live in the SPIRIT’s law.**

**Matthew 5: 17 – 19 (NLT)**

“Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their ***Purpose.*** I tell you the Truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of GOD’s Law will disappear until its ***Purpose*** is achieved. So if you

***ignore the least Commandment and teach others to do the same***, you will be called the *least in the Kingdom of Heaven*. But ***anyone who obeys*** GOD’s Laws and ***teaches them will be*** **called**

**Great in the Kingdom of Heaven.**”

**~ Do Not Envy *Greats* in Mega Churches & Orgs, U be Greater as LG Leaders teaching Truth.**