

THE BIBLICAL HOUSEHOLD – Part 10

COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING...Celebrate Jesus!

- Last week we discussed family worship from the perspective of being Abraham:
 - Conclusion: Obedience is my highest form of worship
 - Let your family see and experience your obedience to God; not your rules and desires.
- Today we'll discuss family worship from the perspective of being Isaac:
 - I am the sacrifice.

GENESIS 22: 1-8

- ISAAC WAS ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS:
 - Verse 7 – where is the lamb for the sacrifice? He was looking to perfect the sacrifice.
 - Not why is God always asking for a sacrifice?
 - Not why do we have to travel so far for a simple sacrifice? “I am tired”
 - Many of us quit because we are obsessed and stuck with the wrong questions
 - **FAMILY APP:** When your family has observed your proven obedience to God, they will follow and help you.

COMPONENTS OF WORSHIP – Analyze Isaac's question

1. Altar – raised place
 - a. Usually made of stones. Jacob used on rock as an altar.
 - b. In Christ, it is anywhere. RE: **JOHN 4:21**
 - c. Christ is the foundation and altar upon which we sacrifice our lives.
 - a. Further Study: **MATTHEW 7:24; 16:18, EPHESIANS 2:20**
2. Wood – that which holds the sacrifice and keeps the fire burning.
 - a. **1 KINGS 18:32-33** – Elijah's altar
 - b. **LEVITUS 6:12-13** – fire must keep burning
 - c. Your worship must and can only be sustained by the Word of God, not your will. When you get tired, obedience to the Word becomes your strength to keep going.
3. Fire – to consume the sacrifice or make an end of it
 - a. Representative of the Holy Spirit or the Presence of God.
 - b. Signifies the approval of God. RE: Cain, RE: Prophets of Baal
 - c. **DEUTERONOMY 4:24, HEBREWS 12:29**
 - d. The goal is the Presence of God – no presence no meaningful sacrifice.
4. Lamb – or what is to be sacrificed.
 - a. **HEBREWS 9:22** – without the shedding of blood
 - b. **LEVITICUS 17:11** – the life of an animal is in the blood.
 - c. **JOHN 1:29** – Jesus is the Lamb of God

- i. At Salvation Jesus Christ is the only acceptable sacrifice.
- ii. AFTER Salvation YOU become the sacrifice.

d. ROMANS 12:1-2

- e. In OT and concluding with Christ, the worshipper is connected to the animal that was sacrificed, but now is the point at which the worshipper becomes the sacrifice.

f. I AM A TRUE WORSHIPPER: I AM THE SACRIFICE.

APPLICATIONS:

1. If fire on the altar must keep burning, then we must always be the sacrifice on the altar.
2. Fire makes an end of things; changes the sacrifice to a form not recognized before:
 - a. You cannot keep your old ways and form after you have genuinely become the sacrifice.
 - b. The proof of complete sacrifice is not the smoke, it is DEATH.
 - IN YOUR MINISTRY: Die, be the complete sacrifice – people only see Jesus.
 - IN YOUR MARRIAGE: Die, be the complete sacrifice – spouse sees Jesus.
 - IN YOUR FAMILY: Die, be the complete sacrifice till all they see is Jesus

Our relationship, worship, and families are not complete because our worship is not complete. They see too much of us and less of the presence, power, authority and love of Jesus Christ.

- Obedience is the highest form of worship.
- Death until Christ is revealed is the evidence of complete worship.

GALATIANS 2:20: When you die to yourself, then CHRIST becomes your worship.

Start now – Build a Biblical Household.

- Discuss, pray, and worship with your families at least once this week

***HEART CHECK PRAYER:** 3 reasons the enemy attacks and wins against us are:

- We are holding on to something (good or evil) that God has said let go of.
- We are disobeying, dismissing, or ignoring the instruction of God.
- We are on the right track, and the enemy is resisting or impeding progress.