

**“And many
spread
their
clothes on
the road”**

Mark 11:8



The Offerings of the Priests and Kings



*“... and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father”
(Revelation 1:6)*

I. The Sacrifice of the Ego and the Will (1)

- “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me”

Galatians 2:20

- Presented through the virtue of perfect obedience to God and to those who guide us



I. The Sacrifice of the Ego and the Will (2)

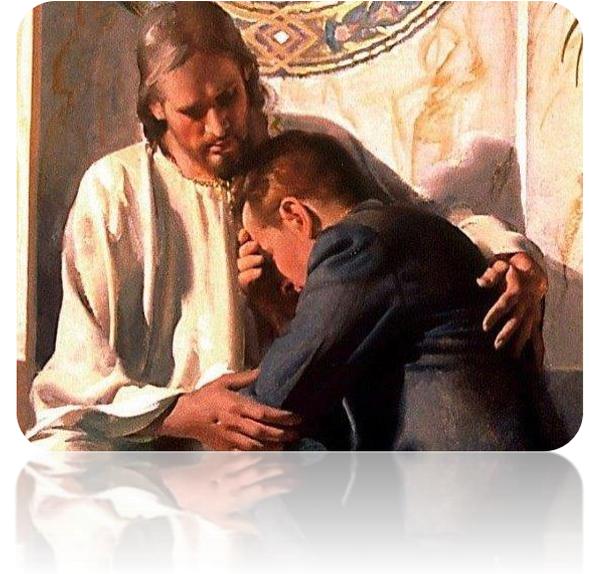
- The offering of Isaac by his father, Abraham
- The obedience of Abba John the Short to his teacher Abba Pimoah



II. The Sacrifice of Humility (1)

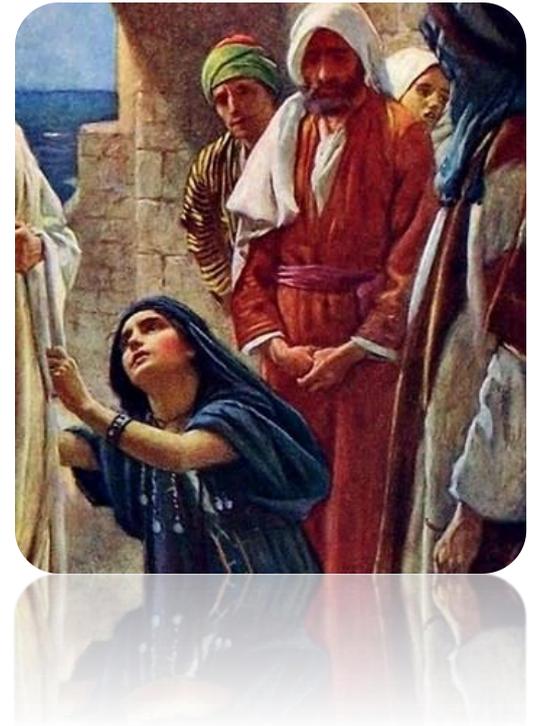
- “For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit”

Psalm 51:16-17



II. The Sacrifice of Humility (2)

- This offering receives not only God's favor, but men's, also.
- The Canaanite woman:
“And she said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.’” *Matthew 15:27*



II. The Sacrifice of Humility (3)

- The words of Abigail before David:

“On me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be! And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant” *1 Samuel 25:24*



III. The Sacrifice of Good Deeds (1)

- “But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased”

Hebrews 13:16

- “Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD” *Psalms 4:5*



III. The Sacrifice of Good Deeds (2)

- The acts of charity are offered to the Lord directly:

“Assuredly, I say to you,
inasmuch as you did it to one of
the least of these My brethren,
you did it to Me” *Matthew 25:40*



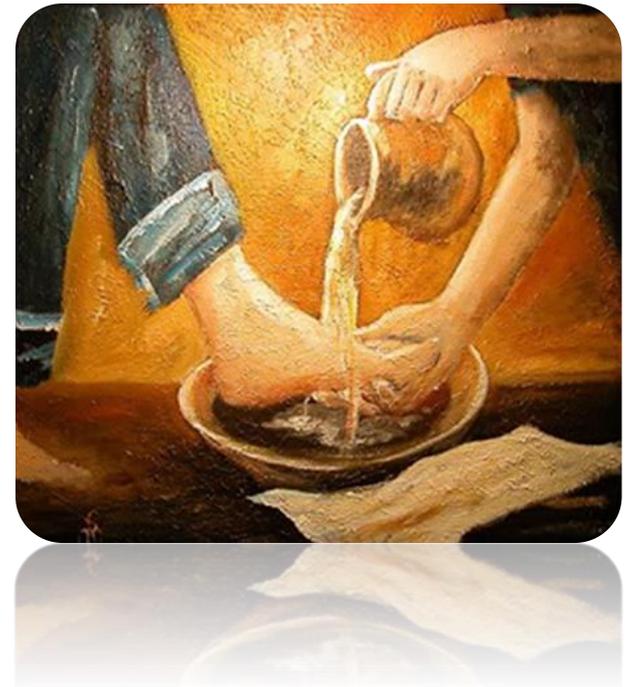
IV. The Sacrifices of Labor and Suffering (1)

- “As it is written: ‘For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’” *Romans 8:36*
- Enduring the suffering for the Lord Christ’s sake



IV. The Sacrifices of Labor and Suffering (2)

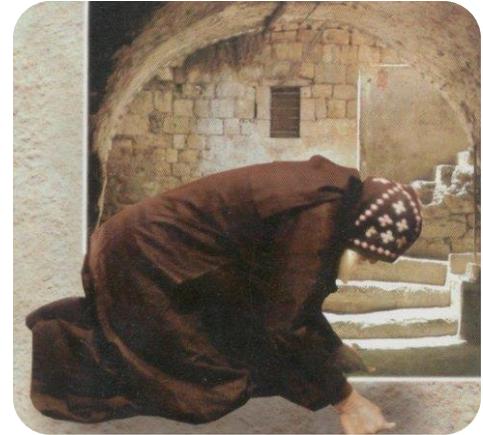
- Accepting the suffering and injustice with endurance and patience.
- The Cross of the Service:
“... when you apply yourself to the service of God,... prepare your soul for temptation”



Sirach 2:1

V. The Sacrifices of the Body (1)

- “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*



V. The Sacrifices of the Body (2)

- The labor and toil associated with the worship in spirit and truth



VI. The Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving (1)

- “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name” *Hebrews 13:15*
- This is the sacrifice of the angels and the heavenly hosts.



VI. The Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving (2)

“Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s” *Psalms 103:1-5*



Many Happy Returns!

