

## SACRIFICE

In 2 Chron. 7:1-2 we read “Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.”

*Solomon built the house of the Lord on the site of Ornan’s field, the place where David sacrificed to the Lord after numbering Israel.*

**Solomon built the temple on the place of sacrifice - every part of our lives as the temple of the Holy Ghost, is to be built upon a foundation of sacrifice – our lives to the Lord, our jobs, our personal ambitions, our relationships and our ministry.**

Romans 12:1 says “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.”

### **SACRIFICE TAKES ON TWO MEANING**

**i) God wants a yielded life** – not giving into the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes or the pride of life. **GOD WANTS TO REFLECT HIS GLORY THROUGH US.**

*The glory of God didn’t fill the temple until the sacrifice had been presented and consumed by fire* – until the flesh of the animal was consumed. *God*, in the same way, *will not fill this temple of ours with His glory while flesh remains*. THE SACRIFICE OF THE FLESH REPRESENTED REPENTANCE FROM SIN

**WITHOUT HOLINESS WE WON’T SEE THE LORD AND THE LORD WON’T BE SEEN IN US**

WE MUST LOOK FOR THOSE THINGS THAT SATISFY THE SPIRIT MAN – Righteousness, Peace and Joy

**You and I must shed things from our lives so that we make room for God. WE MUST CREATE A VACUUM FOR GOD TO FILL US BY REMOVING ALL FLESH**

**ii) Sacrifice of our time, energies and finances**

**TO SERVE THE LORD IN MINISTRY REQUIRES SACRIFICE**

**HOW SERIOUS DO WE TAKE OUR SERVICE FOR GOD?**

**IS IT JUST SOMETHING WE DO PROVIDING IT DOESN’T INTERFERE WITH OUR PLANS?**

**WHAT PRIORITY DOES SERVING ON THE WORSHIP TEAM HAVE?**