

Spiritual Sacrifices

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Introduction

1. 1 Peter 2:5
2. Ritualism is usually thought of as the opposite of spiritual
 - a. Ritualism is doing religious acts in a form but no heart or spirit in it
 - b. Isaiah 1:11-15 deals with the problem of ritualism, it is not new
 - c. Isaiah 1:16-19 deal with the cure of ritualism
3. Ritualism reduces worship to entertainment by and for spectators
4. Our text says our worship is to be spiritual sacrifices Romans 12:1-2
5. Who then can offer up spiritual sacrifices; Where can those who are eligible to offer up spiritual sacrifices; What are the spiritual sacrifices we are to offer up to God.

II Discussion

1. Who can offer up spiritual sacrifices? 1 Peter 1:22-23
 - a. Under the Old Testament only certain ones could offer up sacrifices. 1 Samuel 13:5-13; Hebrews 7:12-14
 - b. It is those who have purified themselves
 - c. It is those who have obeyed the truth Roman 6:17; 1 Peter 1:22
 - d. It is those who love the brethren. Our attitude does affect our worship Matthew 5:22-24
 - e. It is those who have been born again verse 23
 - f. It is those of 2:5, 9 spiritual house, priesthood, chosen generation, holy nation, peculiar people
 - g. This is every Christian; we can, ought to and should offer up sacrifices to God
 - h. These sacrifices take work
2. Where can we offer up spiritual sacrifices?
 - a. This would be the temple of God 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
 - b. This would be the house of God Isaiah 2:2-3; 1 Timothy 3:15
 - c. This is the place where we are spiritual
 - i. It is a spiritual birth 1 Peter 1:11-12
 - ii. It is a spiritual kingdom John 3:5
 - iii. It is a place of spiritual blessings Ephesians 1:3
 - iv. It is a place of a spiritual life Galatians 5:22-23
 - v. It is a place of a spiritual goal Colossians 3:1-2
3. What are our spiritual sacrifices 1 Peter 2:5
 - a. To offer means to bear, bring or to offer up Hebrews 7:27; 1 Peter 2:25 same word; Hebrews 13:15
 - b. Spiritual songs Ephesians 5:19
 - c. The Lord's Supper is spiritual in nature 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:24-26
 - d. What do we offer to God? Malachi 1:6-8

III Conclusion

1. What is our worship to God? Ritual or spiritual
2. Let us have the right attitude in our worship so that it will be spiritual
3. Are changes needed in your life so that you can worship God or that your worship will be acceptable to God

Sources: Denton 98; PC Study Bible; worship meaning and manifestation