

# Seven Stipulations of Sacrifice

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## Introduction:

- A. One of the most paradoxical and singular acts engaged in this world
  - 1. A willing sacrifice - Rom. 12:1
  - 2. Almost an oxymoron; how can the victim of a sacrifice be willing?
  - 3. It is the act of a conscious, conscientious being that recognizes that what he is giving up is worth more than what is gained by the offering
- B. We must be living sacrifices for the things of God and on behalf of others.
  - 1. A sacrifice of oneself for personal gain alone is not a worthy sacrifice

## I. SEVEN STIPULATIONS OF SACRED SACRIFICE:

- A. A sacrifice is completely burned, representing total commitment
  - 1. There is no expectation of salvaging anything of the life or form.
  - 2. Gen. 22:2 - We have hope that a recent victim can be revived; the ancients believed if the body was preserved properly, the soul would re-enter later; but, a body reduced to ashes left no hope
  - 3. A true sacrifice is offered willingly with no expectation of salvaging anything in this life of what is offered
- B. A sacrifice is messy, representing suffering in service to others.
  - 1. Lev. 9:8-15 - Sacrifices were messy
  - 2. Isa. 53 - "He is... despised, rejected, sorrow, grief, stricken, smitten, afflicted, wounded, bruised, chastisement, stripes, oppressed, afflicted, slaughter, shearer, prison, judgment, cut off, grave, death, violence, an offering for sin, the labor of His soul..."
  - 3. Describe Jesus on the cross.
  - 4. Where is it written that your sacrifice will be less messy?
- C. A sacrifice is presented to God; it must be sincere and without ulterior motives
  - 1. Lev. 21:10-12; Matt. 5:23-24
  - 2. Because it isn't about you
  - 3. Similarly about coming to worship; it's what I put into it for the Lord and the edification of other worshipers, not about what I get out of it
- D. A sacrifice is groomed to be a sacrifice.
  - 1. Lev. 22:27; 1Peter 4:1-2, 2:5
- E. A sacrifice dies, representing death to self in service to God.
  - 1. Lev. 1:3-5 - It is killed on behalf of another; exegete
  - 2. Rom. 6:11-13
- F. A sacrifice receives no reward; it is offered that others might be benefitted
  - 1. 1Peter 2:24, 3:18
- G. A sacrifice is bound to the altar until it is completed.
  - 1. Gen. 22:9; Psalm 118:27; Rev. 2:10

## Conclusion:

- A. 2Tim. 4:5-8