

*And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle?*

.....  
First Love Ministries, Inc.  
PRAYER STUDY #180

### **WHAT WILL YOU SACRIFICE?**

*I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

Romans 12:1-2

#### We are priests

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9 *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a people of his own, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who in times past were not a people but are not the people of God; who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*

#### The believer-priest's sacrifice

Hebrews 13:15-16 *By Him [JESUS], therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. But to do good and to share, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well-pleased.*

#### Your Body a Living Sacrifice

Romans 12:1-2 *I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

#### Righteousness

Psalm 4:5 *Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the LORD.*

#### Triumphant Faith-the Sacrifice of Joy

Psalm 27:6 *And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me. Therefore, will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.*

### The Sacrifices of a Broken Heart Repentant Over Sin

Psalm 51:17 *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.*

### The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:22 *And let them sacrifice the sacrifice of thanksgiving and declare his works with rejoicing.*

### Spiritual Sacrifices

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:5 *Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

### Sacrifice Only to the Living God

Exodus 22:20 *He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.*

## **THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE: THE CROSS WALK**

*Then Jesus said unto His disciples, If anyone desires to be My disciple, let him deny himself [disregard, lose sight of, and forget himself and his own interest] and take up his cross and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying, also.] For whoever is bent on saving his [temporal] life [his comfort and security here] shall lose it [eternal life] and whoever loses his life [his comfort and security here] for My sake shall find it [life everlasting]. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life [his blessed life in the kingdom of God? Or what would a man give as an exchange for his [blessed] life in the kingdom of God]? Matthew 16:24-26 AMP*

*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18 KJV*

*For the story and message of the cross is sheer absurdity and folly to those who are perishing and on their way to perdition, but to us who are being saved, it is the [manifestation] of the power of God. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18 AMP*

**Complete**  
Parachute Band

Here I am, Oh God  
I bring this sacrifice  
My open heart  
I offer up my life.

I look to You, Lord  
Your love that never ends  
Restores me again

Through the storm I will hold on Lord  
And by faith I will walk on, Lord  
Then I'll see  
Beyond my Calvary one day  
And I will be complete in You.

**CHORUS**

So I lift my eyes to You Lord  
In Your strength will I break through Lord  
Touch me now  
Let Your love fall down on me  
I know Your love dispels all my fears  
And I will be complete in You.