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BRO. MARSHALL'S MESSAGE

Sacrifice

We were faced with sacrificial offering when we got overseas. Our mentors at the time, took us out to eat one of our first nights on the field and they explained that everyday, we had to put everything on the altar. Even our kids. God loves them much more than we ever could. They could speak from experience as they had lost a son in Kenya.

What do you think of when you think sacrifice/offering today? What's your normal sacrifice or offering for God? Your tithe? Coming to church on Sunday morning? Teaching Sunday school? Singing in choir or praise team?

In Numbers 28 we see this:

18 On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall not do any ordinary work, 19 but offer a food offering, a burnt offering to the LORD: two bulls from the herd, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old; see that they are without blemish; 20 also their grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil; three tenths of an ephah shall you offer for a bull, and two tenths for a ram; 21 a tenth shall you offer for each of the seven lambs; 22 also one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you. 23 You shall offer these besides the burnt offering of the morning, which is for a regular burnt offering. 24 In the same way you shall offer daily, for seven days, the food of a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the LORD. It shall be offered besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering.

This was costly. If you're a farmer or grew up on a farm, you know it would still be costly. Bulls are expensive so are sheep. Not only expensive but they are things you could use, eat etc. Their normal for offerings was very sacrificial.

Then, notice this...it was burned. Why? First, the smoke rising was a physical representation of God receiving the offering. Second, once it's burned, it's gone. You can't take it back. Not even a part of it. You've given it all to God. Is our normal for offering to God like this? Is it costly? Do we give it all?

In ROMANS 12:1-3 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Our normal should be to present our bodies, our lives, our whole being everyday to God. Notice that this is worship. Just as in the Old Testament, they worshipped through offering sacrifices, we should do the same. As we are transformed into more of the likeness of Christ, our old selves are "burned" away, much like the burnt offerings in the Old Testament. You can't get back what's burned up. We should never give out of abundance and keep what we want, be that money, or sin. Rather we give what is costly. Giving up our desires, perceived rights, etc. so that God can be glorified and we can be sanctified. Let's work to make sacrificial offering our normal. Think about what that will look like in your life. Will it change the way you live?

'Till all hear, Marshall

REVIVAL

South Fulton Baptist Church

August 20-23

with

Bro. Bob Pitman

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

Sept 16 from 10am-12pm at the Association with light brunch

This is to share women's missions ideas and help churches get started or revamp women's missions groups.

RSVP how many from your church will attend -731-885-2151

August Calendar

14—Pst Conf @10 AM with lunch
Michael Dennison—Evangelism
Training
28—Pst Conf @ 6 PM with light
Supper—Dennison Video

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CHURCH

Does your church have a charter with the state?
Is your church Incorporated? And why is this important?
Do you have updated By-Laws?
Do you have policies in place to protect you in the current
cultural environment?

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BEULAH SPOTLIGHT CHURCH



Mt. Moriah
1477 Mt. Moriah Rd, Troy, TN
Pastor Herman DeBoard

Our mission at Mt. Moriah is to preach & teach God's word & to reach as many as possible with the message of God.

We are currently renovating the outside of our church, but the message is as old as the Bible. If you like "old fashioned preaching" with lots of fellowship we invite you to come & see & be a part of our faith community. Our 5th Sunday service is followed by a time of eating & fellowship. All are welcome—come as you are—leave changed by God's word.

PASTORS, WIVES & BEULAH STAFF

AUGUST BIRTHDAY

6—Rachel Graham—Willingham Memorial
8—Jackie Meadows—Visions Community
9—Cheryl Troutman—Tiptonville First
11—Mickey Hanks—Ridgely First
20— Marjorie Hanks—Ridgely First



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

4—Harvel & Patricia Baker—Cypress Creek
29—John & Cheryl Troutman—Tiptonville First

