



ROMANS

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Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

TO BE A LIVING SACRIFICE:

1. Consider God's **mercy**.
 - a. Romans 12:1 ... *I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy...*
 - b. Romans 11:31 *even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy.*
 - c. 1 Peter 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

TO BE A LIVING SACRIFICE:

2. To offer yourself means total and **complete surrender**.
 - a. Romans 12:1 ... *to offer your bodies as a living...*

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3. This sacrifice begins by giving **all** on the **altar** of the Lord.
 - a. Romans 12:1 ... *as a living sacrifice...*

- b. Leviticus 6:12-13 *And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. 13 A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.*
- c. Leviticus 9:24 *"Fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown"*
- d. 2 Corinthians 6:16 *And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."*
- e. 2 Timothy 1:6 *For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*
- f. Proverbs 17:3 *The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the hearts.*

Divine fire in the soul kindles a light in the intellect, elevates every part of our nature... makes it submissive to the Spirit of God.

TO BE A LIVING SACRIFICE:

- 4. The **fire** of God **prepares** us to live a holy and pleasing life.
 - a. Romans 12:1 *...a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God...*
 - b. Jeremiah 23:29 *Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord...*

TO BE A LIVING SACRIFICE:

- 5. This leads to **true worship**.
 - a. Romans 12:1 *... holy and pleasing to God—this is your true... worship.*
 - b. John 4:24 *God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

TO BE A LIVING SACRIFICE:

- 6. This leads to **proper worship**.
 - a. Romans 12:1 *...in view of God's mercy...*

TO BE A LIVING SACRIFICE:

- 7. True worship **happens** by **offering** ourselves to God.
 - a. Romans 12:1 *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

- b. The word offer means to **yield** to God's **will** in your life.
- c. Psalm 113:3 *From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.*
- d. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 *May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- e. Hebrews 13:15-16 *Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise---the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. 16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

TO BE A LIVING SACRIFICE:

- 8. True worship **becomes** a **lifestyle**.
 - a. Romans 21:1 ... *proper worship.*
 - b. John 4:22 *You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the [lineage of the] Jews.*