



# The Cost of True Worship 2 Samuel 24:18-25, Hebrews 13:15

David's determination to offer God something that truly costs leads us to question the depth of our own worship. Often, we might find ourselves giving from convenience rather than conviction. True worship tests our willingness to sacrifice comfort, time, or resources. Think of one area where your worship could require more of you. Maybe it's volunteering, investing time in prayer, or being generous even when it feels challenging. As you offer this to God, ask yourself: What am I willing to give that reflects genuine love and devotion? Let Jesus's ultimate sacrifice guide you in this journey of offering something meaningful to your Creator.



Meeting God at the Altar Exodus 29:38-46, Matthew 6:6

The concept of the altar in the Old Testament as a meeting place with God invites us to create our own sacred spaces. Choose a time and a place where you can consistently meet with God this week. It might be during a morning routine, a quiet evening walk, or a moment before bed. In these moments, speak to God, and more importantly, listen. Consider: How can establishing this personal altar deepen your relationship with God and provide clarity in your life? Expect His presence to transform these intentional moments into powerful encounters.



### Day 3

## The Power of Persistent Prayer

Luke 18:1-8, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Jesus's parable of the persistent widow teaches the value of relentless prayer. Have you stopped praying about something because the answer lingers? This is the challenge to keep pressing, to keep believing, even when the wait feels endless. Identify one persistent prayer that feels unanswered. Commit to praying about it daily and ask God for patience and faith. Discern how God might be shaping you during this time. Ask yourself: How does persistence in prayer infuse your spiritual walk with resilience and expectant hope? Remember, God honors the steadfast seeker, and your faithful requests are always heard in His perfect timing.



Day 4

A Fragrant Offering

Revelation 5:6-14, Psalms 141:2

In Revelation, worship ascends before God as fragrant incense, illustrating the beauty of praise transformed into a cherished aroma. Our worship, while sometimes simple, delights God when offered sincerely. Reflect on the ways you worship—through music, prayer, or action. Choose one way to deepen or refresh your worship this week. As you do, consider: How does understanding that your worship is precious to God change how you engage in it? Whether you're singing in the choir or serving in the community, know that God richly treasures and receives your genuine praise as refreshment to His heart, regardless of its worldly simplicity.



Day 5

Embracing God's Free Gift

Romans 5:6-11, Ephesians 2:8

As you reflect on the free gift of salvation provided through Jesus's sacrifice, let it transform how you live each day. Recognize that this gift, while freely given, cost Jesus everything. Let gratitude guide your actions. Today, think of one way you can live that reflects thanksgiving for this immeasurable gift. It could be sharing your faith, showing kindness to a stranger, or spending time meditating on God's love. Ponder: How can the reality of God's sacrifice influence your daily choices and interactions? Let your life be a testament to His love, inviting others to experience the same free gift.