

Sacrifice - The act of giving up something highly valued for the sake of something else considered to have a greater value.

Obedience is greater than sacrifice.

1 Samuel 15:22 - *But Samuel replied: “Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.*

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 - *If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

Obedience gives birth to sacrifice. Sacrifice can be a facade.

Sacrifice is an issue of the heart.

Psalms 51:17 - *My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.*

Sacrifice is rooted in gratitude and worship.

Hebrews 13:15 - *Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.*

Psalms 116:17 – *NLT - I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.*

Sacrifice is a daily exchange.

Romans 12:1-2 - *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. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Luke 9:23 – *NLT - Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give **up your** own way, **take up your cross** daily, and follow me.*

Charles Spurgeon – Hold everything earthly with a loose hand, but grasp eternal things with a death-like grip.

Sacrifice can be inconvenient.

Hebrews 13:16 - ¹⁶ *And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

Sacrifice is what Jesus did for us.

Roman 3:25 – *NLT - ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.*

1 John 4:10- *This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning **sacrifice** for our sins.*

No sacrifice should be too great for Him who gave Himself for us.

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