

Whoso Offereth Praise, Glorifieth Me

Psalm 50:23, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God."

Notice. Now, Jesus, invested with all the powers of God, but when He met Satan, **He never used any of His powers. He only referred to the Word.** He did. He said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'" (*Matt. 4:1-11*).

Then how can you say you can stay home and be just as good a Christian as you would be at church? You can't do it. Read the Word. **The Holy Spirit feeds on the Word. The Bible is God's spiritual diet for His church. And the Holy Spirit is the One Who brings It to you and places It in the heart; and with thanksgiving you water It.** And every Divine promise will produce just exactly what God said it would do. It's got to. **It's His Word, and It's Life.** [1]

When the servant of Abraham, Eliezer, when he came to get Rebekah, he mounted her up on a camel, **the very camel she watered.** And she rode this camel to meet her unseen bridegroom. **The very thing she watered was the thing that took her to her future home and husband** (*Gen. 24:1*).

And it's the same thing today. See? **The very thing that the Church is watering, that is the Seed, the Seed of the Word; it's the very Word that becomes alive and carries us to our unseen Bridegroom** (*I Peter 1:8-12*).

And look how perfectly. Isaac had left the home and was out in the field away from his home when Rebekah saw him; **and the Church meets Christ in the air** (*I Thess. 4:13-17*), **and then He takes Her back into the Father's home** where the mansions are prepared (*John 14:1-3*). Isaac took Rebekah the same way. [2]

Isaac had come out from his father's house, and was out in the field when he saw Rebekah coming on the camel. And she loved him at first sight, and jumped off the camel, and run to meet him (*I Peter 1:8-9*). That's right. That's where we meet the Lord. **And the very camel that she watered, packed her to her husband. And the very power that the church is worshipping** (*Luke 1:37; I Cor. 1:18*), that the world's calling fanaticism, **will be the same power that'll take the church up in the air to meet the Lord in the air: the Holy Spirit.** [3]

When you get a little orange tree, you put a little seed in the ground, and it breaks forth into a little tree. And you take that little tree at one inch tall, and can set it out. Do you know that every orange that you'll ever pick off of that tree is in it right then? Certainly it is. If it isn't, where does it come from? Just think; there's hundreds of bushels of oranges in a little slip about that big of an orange tree, hundreds of bushels of oranges, bushels of blossoms, bushels and bushels of leaves. If it doesn't, where does it come from?

Now, **that little tree's just like you. After you've accepted Christ in the little baby form, then we are planted together in Christ (Eph. 1:3-4).** Now, the only thing this little tree does, you just have to pour the water to it, **and it starts drinking (Eph. 5:26). And when it drinks its allotted portion, it's got to drink more than that.** It has to drink so much until it starts pushing out limbs. Then it just keeps on drinking until it pushes out leaves. Then it just keeps on drinking till it pushes out blossoms. Then it just keeps on drinking until it pushes out oranges. **It's all the time drinking, drinking, drinking.**

And when we become born again servants of God, the Seed of God planted in our heart (*I Peter 1:23*), we just keep drinking, drinking, and pushing out. **Everything that you have need of in this earth's journey is in you (II Peter 1:3-11) when you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.** All the **healing** you ever need, all the **rejoicing** you'll ever need, all the **power** you ever need, everything that you got need of is in you when you've got Christ in you (*II Cor. 4:7-10*). **But the only thing you have to do is keep drinking, drinking (John 7:37-39).**

The people don't get thirsty enough. The Bible said, "*Blessed are you when you do hunger and thirst after righteousness*" (*Matt. 5:6*). **When you're thirsty, you can drink. And the more you drink, the more you can spread out.** The more grace you get, **the more power you have, the more faith you have as you keep drinking from Christ Who is the inexhaustible fountain of life (Col. 2:2-4).**

God's Word is a seed. **God is in His Word.** Look at Him when He makes His Word manifest, His promises of what He would do. Look at a hundred and twenty people **taking God's Word,** went up to the day of Pentecost, and waited until that commission, "*Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until you're endued with power from on high.*" **God's Word sunk into their hearts and they waited there (Acts 1:12-14).** What were they doing? Just setting around saying, "Well, I will see what will happen." **You can't water it that way.** If you say, "Well, yes, I believe in Divine healing. Oh, sure, it's in the Bible." That's not the way to get healed. **You might have the seed, but you got to water it.** Now, the Bible said, "When they were in the upper room, **they were blessing, and thanking, and praising God.**" Why? **Praising Him because**

they knew it was coming, for they had the Seed in their heart, God's promise (*Luke 24:48-53*). [4]

While we're groaning (*Rom. 8:23*), veiled in this tabernacle of humiliation, we have the **earnest of our perfect, complete redemption** (*Eph. 1:13-14*) back like we were in the beginning when God created Adam in the garden of Eden. **We have a foretaste of glory divine by the baptism of the Holy Ghost**, the refreshment coming from the Presence of God **to water the Church to make it grow in grace** (*II Peter 3:18*). And when we're sick we have redemption, the blessing, the attributes of the death of Christ. Divine healing as a fore-sign to us that someday this mortal will take on immortality. Yes, sir. Amen, Oh, my, marvelous! He's here to do it. Glory! [5]

Right if it can ever settle in your heart, you in the wheelchair, you in the cots, you out there with heart trouble, cancer, in hospitals, wherever you may be, **if you can receive God's Word in your heart** (*Rom. 10:8-10*) **and water it with praises and thanks to God for giving It to you, it'll grow into a tree of whatever the seed represents**. Healing, salvation, whatever it's for, that tree will blossom.

But you've got to drink. You've got to water it, feed it, and let it grow. And more you trust in God... If you're in a wheelchair, and in the hospital, and you're so paralyzed you can't even move but one finger, just keep moving that one finger to the glory of God. Tomorrow you'll move your hand. The next day you'll move your arm. And you'll be moving on pretty soon **if you'll just keep watering it**, pushing out, growing, getting bigger and bigger. **Take God's Word. It's a Seed. Certainly, It's a Seed.**

God gave Abraham a promise, **and Abraham let that seed get into his heart, the promise, and kept watering it with praises and thanksgiving to God for the child**, and waited twenty-five years. But the tree came forth just the same, **because he watered it with faith** (*Rom. 4:16-21*). [4]

Everyone in the New Testament that becomes a Christian, born again, **becomes a priest to God. And we are priests and kings** (*Rev. 1:5-6*). A priest is to make sacrifice. **And we give to God the sacrifice of our lips, giving praise to His Name**. Say, "I don't feel like it." **Do it anyhow. That's a sacrifice**. Hallelujah! Say, "I feel too tired." The devil will tell you that, till he takes you to hell. That's right. You're to make a spiritual sacrifice: the fruits of our lips giving praise to His Name, priests and kings unto God (*Heb. 13:14-16*). The Bible said that He made us priests and kings unto God. [6]

Say, "Well, I'd go to church, and I'd praise the Lord if I felt like it." Well now, a priest is to make a sacrifice. **And you, the congregation, are high**

priests of God to make a spiritual sacrifice; that's the fruits of your lips giving praise to God.

You go down and say, "Well, if I felt like it, I'd go over and testify to somebody." Well, do it anyhow. If you're a high priest, brother, **it's burning in your heart**, whether you feel like doing it or not. Go do it anyhow, **because you've got to make a sacrifice, something that's hard to do.** Go do it anyhow; you're a spiritual priesthood, a royal people, giving praise to God, **because God lives in this heart** (*I Peter 2:9-10*), [7] **and we minister to Him in Psalms and in prayer, and in thanksgiving.** [8]

Our bodies are groaning, and we have an inheritance (*Rom. 8:22-23*). And we're children now, heirs of the Kingdom (*Rom. 8:15-17*), kings and priests unto God **offering spiritual sacrifices.**

What does a priest do? Make a sacrifice. What is a **spiritual sacrifice**? That's what these sons and daughters do, which are kings and priests, yet not in full possession, **but they're making sacrifices, offering to God spiritual sacrifices:** the fruits of our lips giving praise to Him, fruits of our lips.

You say, "I just don't feel like praising Him." That's the time to make the sacrifice. Praise Him anyhow. Kings and priests, sons and daughters offering spiritual sacrifice, the fruits of our lips, giving praise unto His Name. [5]

Yes, priests unto Him, offering the spiritual praise of sanctified lips. Spending our lives as a sweet offering unto Him. Worshipping Him in Spirit and in truth (*John 4:24*). Interceding and petitioning (*Rom. 8:26-27*). Priests and kings unto our God. No wonder the world does not appeal to us and we are a peculiar people zealous unto good works (*I Peter 2:9-10; Titus 2:11-14*). We have been recreated in Him to be children like unto our Father. [9]

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- [5] "Faith Is The Substance" (51-0508), par. E-35-36
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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]