

Sacrifice of Praise

The word *confess* is *Yadah*, and it means to give thanks with uplifted hands, to praise, shout, sacrifice, to give thanks. This is the only way that acceptable offerings can be given (Mal 3:3), by confessing His name in praise and thanksgivings with uplifted hands and voices. *Yadah* is 3034 in Hebrew. One confesses that he knows Him by being able to thank and praise Him (Mt 10:32-33).

In the New Testament *yadah* is carried over from the Old Testament in Lk 12:8 and Jn 12:42 — or one denies Him as in 2 Tim 2:12. In the Greek it is 3670 and it means to give thanks, a covenanted one, promise, acknowledge by praise and thanks — with loud voices and songs (with uplifted hands).

Sacrifice

1 Chr 16:7; 23:30 — *halal* — speaking and singing about the glorious virtues or honor of YAH. Sacrifice; Mal 3:3 and 1:11. That is what a sacrifice is — the destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else. It is something given up or offered.

Pr 28:13 — The sin must be renounced or forsaken if one wants to prosper by receiving mercy. The sin must be confessed and renounced. This is the sacrifice you make to have something else that is more desirable. You can't have both. The word *sacrifice* (to crucify) in Psalm 50:5 is *zebach*, number 2076. It means to slaughter, 2077. In Lk 9:23 we are to keep the sacrifice daily — continually.

He who covers his sin will not prosper — but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy. (*Have* = find, receive.) Pr 3:7,8; Ps. 32:3; Ps 32:1-6 — Don't wait until it is too late — verse 6. Pr 3:8 — Your whole body is supported by your bones (Pr 15:30; 16:24; 17:22). Pr 28:13 means you will prosper spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally, and mentally (Ps 18:3; 50:14).

Mk 8:34-35 speaks of the sacrifice we make in order to be worthy of Him (Mt 10:37-38). As Mk 10:29 says, to have Him and to have the good news, a sacrifice is required. There must be a sacrifice to lose one thing and gain another of more value.

This is just as we were more valuable to God than His only Son (Jn 3:16 and Heb 2:11-12). Why? Because of Mt 10:38. A sacrifice is given to get something of more value. God gave His only Son for what He wanted more. Yahshua was that sacrifice (Jn 10:17 and Heb 5:7-9).

Hebrew 13:15

Heb 13:15 — Why is praise to Him a sacrifice? (Ps 50:14; 95:2; 50:23; 100:4; and Jer 33:11). *Sacrifice* in Greek means to kill or slaughter for a purpose. No one can praise or give thanks without Mk 8:34 or Lk 9:23 — something has to be killed or crucified (Heb 2:11-12). For both praise and cursing cannot come out of the same mouth (Jms 3:10-11). Just as something has to be sacrificed in order for us to be His bride to be, to be with Messiah now requires a sacrifice of our old life (Rom 12:1).

So, anything that interferes with our worship of YHWH must be sacrificed. The basis of our praise is His sacrifice for us. It is *by* Him, *with* Him, *to* Him, and *for* Him that we offer our sacrifice of praise — that we confess His name (Heb 12:1; 1 Pet 2:9; Rom 12:1 — a living sacrifice, Heb 2:11-12).

To give thanks to His name is to literally confess Him as Sovereign — or else we deny Him as Sovereign. The word *sacrifice* comes from the root, *thuo*, a verb, meaning to kill or slaughter for a purpose, as 1 Pet 2:9. So, if we are going to praise Him in the Spirit something must be sacrificed to give Him praise or thanks — as to confess His name as Sovereign. Whatever is sovereign in our lives must be sacrificed — if our flesh is sovereign it must be sacrificed.

We must be able to confess Him in PRAISE and THANKSGIVING. If He is Sovereign then we will kill or crucify anything that stands in the way to confessing Him as Sovereign and Master, just like we did at baptism (Rom 10:9; Ps 116:1,12-15; See Heb 13:15 in the NKJV — my Master). To offer our bodies as a living sacrifice so that our bodies will serve our soul, our souls have to be sacrificed — its desires, etc.

Gather to Me My Godly Ones

Yahshua the Messiah's sacrifice on the cross and His death is no more literal a sacrifice than our spiritual sacrifices are. This is how it must be in order to know Him and be worthy of Him. Ps 50:5 — No one can be gathered to Him without the sacrifice of their life being equal to the sacrifice of His life — both must die

(Rom 6:3-5).

Only those who have made themselves worthy by sacrifice will be gathered to Yahshua and be kept or protected (Jn 17:3,11), by His name. To confess His name; to call upon His name; to praise His name; to give thanks to His name requires a sacrifice. To come to Him; to follow Him; to continue to follow Him requires a sacrifice of anything that keeps you from it.

Ps 50:5 — Gather to Me; gather together to Me those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice. Heb 13:15; Rom 10:9; Mk 8:34-35; Mt 10:37-38 — All speak of a sacrifice. Lk 9:23 is a continual sacrifice. It is offered up continually as 1 Chr 23:30-31 is each day. Ex 29:38,42,43; Ex 30:8 — as Heb 13:15 — continually. Lk 9:23-27 is the daily sacrifice.

To not sacrifice for Him presumes you do not love Him enough. It presumes you are not worthy, suitable for Him (Mt 10:37-38; Rom 12:1). If one knew what a sacrifice is, he would know what the requirement is to follow Messiah. But no one can follow Him without being a sacrifice. No one can thank Him, no one can give thanks, without being a sacrifice.

Heb 13:15 — Praise comes forth from a sacrificial life to the one they are praising. 1 Pet 2:9 — A whole nation declares His praise, His worth by their own sacrificial lives — for the sake of His purpose. Jn 17:23 spells out His purpose. We must desire this result, this fruit, as much as He desired it, as much as He prayed for it in the garden before He gave up His life for this purpose. We must be a living sacrifice all day long, day by day.

Jn 11:52 and Jn 10:16 — When Yahshua prayed for us, He had become a sacrifice to get us. If we want Him and we want to do His purpose we must die as He died (Rom 6:3-5). We must die a like death. Mt 24:14 is the fulfillment of Mt 21:43. The fruit of the Kingdom comes from sacrificed lives — Ps 50:5; Mk 12:33; 1 Pet 2:5; Jn 4:23-24; Eph 5:2 (Both His and our offering must be compatible in order that we would be suitable to Him); Phil 2:18 and 4:18.

Jn 4:23-24 — This is utterly impossible without sacrifice. To make no provision for the flesh is a sacrifice. Phil 2:17 and 4:18; 2 Tim 4:6; Rom 15:16 — Messiah's physical sacrifice is no more literal a sacrifice than those who follow Him as disciples. If this is not so, the follower is not a disciple. Lk 14:33 can not be understood apart from being the only suitable sacrifice we could make — to sacrifice our whole life — Mt 10:37-38; Mk 10:29 and 8:35. Messiah's physical and spiritual sacrifice is no more real than ours. Our sacrifice must be worthy and suitable of Him (1 Pet 1:9).