



"The entrance of Thy words giveth light..." (Ps 119:130a)

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**Being
a Blessing
in 2018**

1 Pet 3:8-9; 2 Pet 1:3

"...Be ye all...
a blessing... according
as... He hath called us to
glory and virtue."

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC ENTERS ANNIVERSARY MONTH TODAY

"And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the Lord, offer it at your own will" (Lev 22:29)

"...walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving" (Col 2:6-7).

The Ekklesia of the Lord Church is the one institution on earth that has, among its fundamental purposes, to "abound therein with thanksgiving." And this thanksgiving is not at all the kind of thanksgiving which unbelieving world knows.

The world knows nothing of the sacrifice of thanksgiving and how that it is given to the Lord as an "offering at our own will." But the people of faith do because our faith is founded on sacrifice. Faithful Abraham became so because he was ready to offering sacrificially.

A sacrifice, according to faith, is one that comes acceptable and pleasing to God. We see this in the example of the Philippian believers when Paul, referring to their offering, describe he same as, "an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God" (Phil 4:18).

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1 PETER 3:8-9

**ONLY TWO (2) WEEKS REMAIN
UNTIL THE 42nd ANNIVERSARY and
SACRIFICIAL CELEBRATION**



The Lighthouse Stewards v3.6 pose for a picture along with pianists/Pastors Rei Escrupolo, Paul Jordan Cruz and technical people, Brothers Edwin Ballesteros and Rodgie Gamboa .

First Quarter Focus :
Being Blessed to be a Blessing

Eph 1:3, "Blessed be God...Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
Special Sunday School Lesson

TITLE : THE SACRIFICIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING
TEXT : 1 PETER 2:5, "YE ALSO, AS LIVELY STONES, ARE BUILT UP A SPIRITUAL HOUSE, AN HOLY PRIESTHOOD, TO OFFER UP SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD BY JESUS CHRIST."

INTRODUCTION

These next two Sundays, we will learn the truth about the giving of sacrificial offerings.

1) The offering up of spiritual sacrifices comes as a basic purpose of the Ekklesia.

While we believe that the Lord Jesus has offered the final sacrifice for our atonement, and because of this, we do not offer animal sacrifices as did the nation of Israel in the Old Testament, we, as an Ekklesia, continue to offer up spiritual sacrifices to please Him. And faith, which pleases God, cannot be faith without obedience to the Word, which obedience, in itself, is sacrifice.

Because of this truth, everyone in the Ekklesia should not be indifferent to the offering up of various spiritual sacrifices.

2) The Lord Jesus Christ defined that our worship comes "in spirit and in truth."

John 4:23-24, "...true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Many do not understand the proper application of the term used by the Lord in this passage, that of worshipping God "in spirit and in truth."

The word "spirit" when applied as a "quality" to something that is performed, always has relationship with the word "understanding." Paul says in 1 Cor 14:15, "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."

Then, of course, the word "truth" is related to none other than the Word of Truth. Christ says, John 17:17, Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

Therefore, what the Lord Jesus Christ meant in describing worship as being performed "in spirit and in truth," simply means that it is done according to how the Spirit, by the Word of God, makes us to understand how we should come to God and please Him. And He further says, "the Father seeketh such to worship Him."

3) Israel, as God's people and the writings of David give us many examples of how we should come to God in sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Deut 12:11, "Then there shall be a place which the Lord your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the Lord:"

Ps 50:14, "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High."

Ps 107:22, "And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing."

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ILAW every Saturday; and THE PULPIT, featuring our Sunday morning services, every Sunday on GCTV, Ch 185 on CIGNAL.



The Mga Munting Ilaw Kids Show is seen every Saturday and Sunday, 12n

and 5pm. GCTV programs may also be viewed via the GCTV Mobile App downloadable from PlayStore for Android phones, free. Mobile App for IOS will be coming soon.

Ps 116:12-15, 17, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people...I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord."

Lev 22:29, "And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the Lord, offer it at your own will."

The sacrifice of thanksgiving, therefore, is an offering, sacrificially given in thanksgiving to God.

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Pictures above show some scenes during the first concert of the Lighthouse Stewards v3.6 last Sunday night. It was indeed a treat to many who came and enjoyed the more than 17 songs rendered by the group and the featured artists. Many shed some tears in hearing the classic songs identified with the Lighthouse Stewards through the years.

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