

# A Sacrifice of Praise

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*Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me...*

*Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me. Psalm 50:14,23*

Thank Offering (Leviticus 3:1-5, 7:12-15)

- 1) Perfect sheep or goat (Jesus)
- 2) Unleavened bread with oil (Trinity)
- 3) Bread with leaven (Us)

*Through Jesus, then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.*  
Hebrews 13:15(NAS)

*If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God...*  
1 Peter 4:16

*"It is clear that a sacrifice must consist of praise and thanks, or must at least not be without praise and thanks, if it is to please God. And if it is without praise and thanks, He neither wants nor likes it. We cannot give God anything; for everything is already His, and all we have comes from Him. We can only give Him praise, thanks, and honor."*

Martin Luther

*"Be careful not to complain about anything, even the weather, since God is the Author of your circumstances. The best way to handle unwanted situations is to thank God for them. This act of faith frees you from resentment and frees God to work His ways into the situation, so that good emerges from it."*

Sarah Young

Ephesians 5:19-20

1 Peter 4:16

Colossians 3:16-17

*Though the fig tree does not bud, and there are no grapes on the vine, and though the olive crop fails, and the fields fail to produce food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.*  
Habakkuk 3:17

## Reasons For Continual Praise And Thanksgiving

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ is watching

*The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.*

*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Acts 16:22-26*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ is watching

*Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith...*  
1 Peter 5:8-9

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ is watching

*For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. 2 Chronicles 16:9*

*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.*  
Acts 16:26-27