**To Obey is Better Than Sacrifice**

**Scripture: 1 Sam 15:22-23**

22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

**Introduction:** I’m not here this morning to point out our faults and our shortcomings-- I am here to encourage us to be completely obedient unto the voice of the Lord our God and give ear to his commandments.

God wants to do great things among us and he has given us his Spirit to fulfill his divine will.

He has empowered us to do great things in his name.

We have the ability to see Revival with greater measures than any other time in the history of the church.

We are the end-time church and there is enough power of God in this place too see this whole city saved.

Let’s let God fight this battle and let us lift our voices and magnify the name of the Lord.

We can see the signs of his coming let us make preparations to push this Revival out into the highway and hedges and see a great ingathering of God’s people!

I want to tell you that are faithful--- God is going to do great things through you because you have determined in your heart that obeying God is more powerful than sitting back waiting for someone to prod you to obedience.

* God has left us here to fulfill prophecy and to preach the coming of the Lord Jesus.
* We are commissioned to go forth not backwards to conquer not be conquered.
* To Cast out devils not be possessed by devils.
* To heal the sick and bind up the broken hearted and let the oppressed go free.

We are Acts 29 in the fulfilling. I want to say this… if we hold our peace and fail to do the will of God—God will raise up another people to take our place

1.     I want to ask you are you ready to move forward?

2.     Are you ready for a move of God like this town has never seen?

3.     Are you ready for a soul saving body-healing restoration Revival?

If you are stand to your feet and let’s praise the Lord until he rain righteousness upon us.

I refuse to set back and watch Satan rule this city, rule our children and determine their destination we are going to bombard heaven with worship and prayer and dedicate our hearts and souls only to him.

1.     We must lay aside the weights and the sins that so easily beset us and give our praise only unto the Lord. Hebrews 12.

2.     We can no longer just stand back and wait for something to happen we must take charge of the situation and conquer…or souls will be lost.

3.     If we are going to hear well done we are going to have to do well.

The work of God must take priority over everything else or there will be no move of the Holy Ghost.

* We are called lively stones and we cannot sit like tombstones.
* A tombstone is a marker for those that have passed on we are still alive let’s act like it.

As soon as the 120 received the Holy Ghost they went to the streets and preached the resurrection of Jesus Christ and God added to the church daily.

We rejoice if one person comes in monthly or yearly.

This church is going to have to start acting like a book of Acts church or we will turn into a Laodicean Church.

Rev 3:14-22 “Write this letter to the leader of the church in Laodicea:

"This message is from the one who stands firm, the faithful and true Witness [of all that is or was or evermore shall be], the very source of God's creation:

15.  "I know you well-you are neither hot nor cold; I wish you were one or the other!

16 But since you are merely lukewarm, I will spit you out of my mouth!

17.  "You say, 'I am rich, with everything I want; I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that spiritually you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.

18.  "My advice to you is to buy pure gold from me, gold purified by fire-only then will you truly be rich. And to purchase from me white garments, clean and pure, so you won't be naked and ashamed and to get medicine from me to heal your eyes and give you back your sight.

19.  I continually discipline and punish everyone I love; so I must punish you unless you turn from your indifference and become enthusiastic about the things of God.

20 "Look! I have been standing at the door, and I am constantly knocking. If anyone hears me calling him and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him and he with me.

21 I will let everyone who conquers sit beside me on my throne, just as I took my place with my Father on his throne when I had conquered.

22 Let those who can hear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches." The Living Bible

God should never have to rebuke his children, never!

I want to hear well-done good and faithful servant.

* Are you ready to move into Revival?
* Are you ready to give it all to God and see the great things of God manifested in your life?

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We Know what 2 Chronicles says: If we will diligently hearken that means obey God.

Listen to the Living Translation: 2 Chron 7:14-16  then if my people will humble themselves and pray and search for me and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear them from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land.

15 I will listen, wide awake, to every prayer made in this place.

16 For I have chosen this Temple and sanctified it to be my home forever; my eyes and my heart shall always be here.

What a promise and all we have to do is Obey the Lord. Let’s stop promoting our desires and start obeying the word of the Lord so that we can please the Lord.