

GIVING MYSELF FOR SOMEONE GREATER

When we think about God being everywhere it is important that we understand this means EVERYWHERE. Check this out! What is the extent of this aspect of God? What are the implications for being beyond God's sight or the reach of His hand?

Psalms 139.7-12

“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in the grave, behold, You are there.
If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
Even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me.
If I say, “Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night,”
Even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day.
Darkness and light are alike to You.”

This is why when we choose to give ourselves for Someone greater (our King) we are doing the best we possibly can do for ourselves. The Hebrews were taught to give sacrifices to cover their sin and reconnect with God. Paul, through the Holy Spirit, takes this to a whole new level.

Romans 12.1-2/NASB

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12.1-2/MESSAGE

“So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”

Someone once said that the problem with “living sacrifices” is that we keep crawling off of the altar.

What do you feel God is requiring of you right now as a living sacrifice?

What are the things that entice you to crawl off the altar?