



Offering To God What Costs You Nothing

1 Chronicles 21:10-25

The Cost of the Threshing Floor

1 Chronicles 21





Sin and Sacrifice

- **David sinned in pride by numbering Israel – 21:1-4**
 - God was displeased and David confessed his sin – 21:7-8
 - David had thought only of himself and his pride, costing 70,000 Israelite lives – 21:14
- **David had to offer sacrifice to God at the threshing floor of Araunah/Ornan**
 - David refused to sacrifice what cost him nothing – 21:24-25
 - David built an altar and sacrificed to God, bringing mercy and the end of the plague – 21:26-27



Threshing Floor and the Temple of God

- **Solomon's temple was built on the site of this threshing floor – 2 Chron. 3:1-2**
- **I do not believe this was coincidental because:**
 - This was a **threshing floor** where wheat was beaten with a rod to separate it from the chaff.
 - **Threshing** was a symbol of judgment – Micah 4:11-13
 - Here God's judgment of David's sin was addressed and by sacrifice mercy came giving life in stopping the plague.
 - Judgment and mercy were the focus of the temple with its sacrificial altar and the Mercy Seat – 2 Chron. 7:4-5



The Temple of God and its Sacrifices

- **The temple sacrifices had to be offered by free will and be the most perfect and costly kind – Lev. 1:2-3, 10**
- **When Israel neglected this requirement, their relationship with God suffered – Mal. 1:6-10**
 - Israel owed God honor and reverence – 1:6
 - The priests despised His altar with blemished sacrifices – 1:7-10
 - If God expected the best then, how much more does God expect the best from us today? – Heb. 10:28-31

Application





The Church and the Threshing Floor

- The church was built on the foundation of the chastisement and death of Jesus to separate us from our sin – Isa. 53:1-12
- He was beaten and crucified for each of us!
- His life, sufferings, and death were where pride and sin were judged and their burden borne so that we might have forgiveness and salvation – Heb. 9:11-15; 1 Pet. 2:24



By Great Sacrificial Price We Are His Temple

- **By His sacrifice:**
 - We are living stones in God's house – 1 Pet. 2:4-5
 - We are His priests with a holy mission – 1 Pet. 2:9
- **The sacrifices we offer are not part of our lives, but our very lives – Rom. 12:1-2**
 - Your mind and body are sacrificed to Christ's will to become good, acceptable, perfect before God.
 - You must insist that Christ's will be done in your life and those of your physical and spiritual families.
 - Is it tough to be a holy priest and sacrifice? YES!



Are You Offering to God What Cost's You Nothing?

- **God expects total change of mind and action –
2 Pet. 1:1-11**
- **If you are living like the world, your faith is
costing you nothing!**
- **You live like the world by...**
 - Putting worldly things before your daily and weekly devotion to Christ
 - Living a ungodly life
 - Harboring anger and refusing to forgive



Are You Offering to God What Costs You Nothing?

- If you are not preparing for your worship duties, for your bible classes, or fulfilling your regular duties, your faith is costing you nothing.
- If you are not working to improve your relationships with brethren and being hospitable, your faith is costing you nothing!



The Rub

- **If you approached your dedication to worldly things the way you do your life sacrificed to Christ, how would you fare?**
- **If you were committed to:**
 - Your husband/wife the way you are to God as part of the bride of Christ—His church?
 - Your job the way you are committed to Christ and the efforts of this congregation to help you grow?
 - Your children's scholastic success with the same dedication you give their eternal, spiritual success?



Conclusion

- God expects our lives to be ones of complete sacrifice to Him and His will.
- Gal. 2:20 – “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”
- Are you giving God what costs you nothing...but want to change?
- Will you sacrifice your life to Jesus today?