

PSALM 50... A COVENANT OF SACRIFICE

Psalm 50:1-6 (KJV)

- ¹ The mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.
- ² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.
- ³ Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.
- ⁴ He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.
- ⁵ Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.
- ⁶ And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God *is* judge himself. Selah.

LAST WEEK MT. ZION WAS CALLED "THE JOY OF THE WHOLE EARTH." IN THIS PSALM IT IS CALLED: "THE PERFECTION OF BEAUTY." EITHER WAY THE CHURCH IS THE BEST THING ON THE PLANET!! LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!! LET'S NOT ALLOW SOMETHING SO WONDERFUL AND POWERFUL... TO BECOME A DRUDGERY!!

V.5 HE MAKES REFERENCE TO THE SAINTS.. WHO ARE THEY? THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A COVENANT OF SACRIFICE. GOD HAS ALWAYS CONFIRMED HIS COVENANTS WITH A SACRIFICE.

Genesis 22:15-18 (KJV)

- ¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,
- ¹⁶ And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:
- ¹⁷ That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;
- ¹⁸ And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

WHEN ABRAHAM OBEYED GOD'S COMMAND AND WAS WILLING TO OFFER UP HIS OWN SON AS A SACRIFICE.... GOD MADE A POWERFUL COVENANT WITH HIM!! SOLOMON'S TEMPLE WAS BUILT ON THIS SITE!!

Hebrews 9:16-28 (KJV)

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- ¹⁸ Whereupon neither the first *testament* was dedicated without blood.
- ¹⁹ For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,
- ²⁰ Saying, This *is* the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.
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- ²⁴ For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:
- ²⁸ So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

OF COURSE OUR NEW TESTAMENT COVENANT WAS CONFIRMED WITH THE GREATEST SACRIFICE.. CHRIST OWN BLOOD!!

SO WHAT IS OUR COVENANT? WHAT SACRIFICE CAN WE OFFER ? ONLY ONE!!

Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

WE NOT ONLY PRESENT OUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE... WE THEN LIVE A TRANSFORMED LIFE AND DO THE WILL OF GOD.

Mark 10:38-39 (KJV)

³⁸ But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

³⁹ And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

CAN YOU DO THE WILL OF GOD? YOU CAN!!

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: YOU HAVE TO MAKE SOME COMMITMENTS... IT MAY REQUIRE SOME SACRIFICES... BUT WHEN YOU MAKE A COVENANT WITH GOD... YOU BECOME THE RECIPIENT OF HIS BLESSINGS AND PROVISIONS.

COVENANT OF OBEDIENCE **John 14:15** If ye love me, keep my commandments.

COVENANT OF PRAYER **John 15:7** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

COVENANT OF PROVISION

Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*.

Psalms 50:7-15 (KJV)

⁷ Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I *am* God, *even* thy God.

⁸ I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, *to have been* continually before me.

⁹ I will take no bullock out of thy house, *nor* he goats out of thy folds.

¹⁰ For every beast of the forest *is* mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills.

¹¹ I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field *are* mine.

¹² If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world *is* mine, and the fulness thereof.

¹³ Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

¹⁵ And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

WHAT GOD IS SAYING HERE IS WE NEED HIM FAR MORE THAN HE NEEDS US!!
WHEN WE GIVE OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES.... IT WILL BENEFIT US FAR MORE THAN IT WILL BENEFIT HIM!! WHEN WE WORSHIP AND WHEN WE PRAY... WE ARE GOING TO RECEIVE THE GREAT BENEFITS OF GOD'S ASSISTANCE!!

LET US MAKE A FRESH COVENANT OF SACRIFICE WITH GOD!!