Hallelujah Living - Praise is Sacrificial

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Hebrews 13:15

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise-the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Sacrificial Praise is...

I. COSTLY

Hebrews 13:15

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a <u>sacrifice of praise</u>-

- Cain & Abel (Gen 4)
- Abraham & Isaac (Gen 22)

Sacrificial Praise is...

2. <u>INTENTIONAL</u> AND <u>CONSISTENT</u>

Hebrews 13:15

Through Jesus, therefore, let us $\underline{\text{continually}}$ offer to God a sacrifice of praise-

<u>Phil 4:4</u>

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

- Paul & Silas (Acts 16)

Sacrificial Praise is...

3. POSSIBLE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

John 16:14 Jesus said...

[The Holy Spirit] will bring glory to me.

- Stephen (Acts 7)

Sacrificial Praise is...

4. MODELED PERFECTLY BY JESUS

John 17:1

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

Matt 26:36-46

36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." 39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." 40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. 41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." 42 He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." 43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. 44 So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. 45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Rom 3:25

God presented [Jesus] as a <u>sacrifice of atonement</u>, through faith in his blood.