

Presenting your offering to the Lord

Reading Matthew 5:23-24

So if you are presenting your offering to the Lord at the Church and while you are there you remember that your brother has a grievance and a legitimate complaint against you, leave your gift there and leave at once!

First make peace with your brother, and then come and present your offering.

Yes, come to terms quickly at the earliest opportunity with your brother even if you are with him on the way to the Judge.

Make every effort to reconcile so that he does not hand you over to the Judge of all, and the Judge of all hand you over to His Officer and you are thrown into derision and overtaken because of your hard and impenitent heart.

Be assured, you will not be released and free from the bondages of sin until you have paid the last mite.

The Scriptures teach that a man should examine himself to see whether or not he is positioned with God and has Faith in the Lord.

God requires repentance in a man. Without repentance there is no remission of sins. Why come to God with sin on your heart? God heareth not sinners!

God, by His Spirit will Lead a man into repentance by causing him to recognize his sins.

God requires that we be reconciled one to another in the Fear of the Lord. In fact, we are to pray one for another that we may be healed from the bondage of sin.

God has entrusted each Born Again believer with the Power to retain or to remit the sins of another. This is a **POWERFUL** entrustment from God!

When Jesus told the man “your sins are forgiven” This offended the Pharisees greatly because they thought only God had the Power to forgive sins.

But Jesus taught his disciples they have that Power to forgive sins and that if they do not forgive the sins of men then they will not be forgiven by God.

So a prerequisite of being forgiven by God is that you
MUST FORGIVE OTHERS!

The Apostle Paul taught that God has given Believers the Ministry of Reconciliation. That is; the ability to minister forgiveness to others through the Holy Spirit.

God requires the most thoroughness of Purity and Holiness. Without Holiness no one will see God. With sin and unforgiveness on your heart it is doubtful you are you will be heaven bound on that day.

It is the fruit of Righteousness that a believer may sow in peace so there is no bitterness among true believers and; being in unity they may all Glorify God.

How can a man come to God with a heart that is calloused and bruised with bitterness and unforgiveness and offer Him a Gift?

The Apostle Peter told Simon the sorcerer that his offering was unacceptable to God. His heart was not right and therefore he had no part in the ministry of believers.

The Prophets of old prophesied that God, and only God can change the heart of a man and bring him to repentance.

After repentance we are to forgive others as God in Christ forgave you!

Yes Jesus said if you are presenting your offering to God and you remember that your brother has a grievance against you, leave your gift there and leave at once! Do not hesitate!

Yes, Jesus said be reconciled FIRST. Then come back to him and discuss your peace offering!

Know for sure, the heart is deceitful above all else so who can know it? Trust God on the matter.

- God says forgive and don't wait, but hurry in doing so.

Give an offering that is acceptable to God. Give forgiveness to another you have offended. Release yourself from that burden. It's too heavy to carry. You will stumble under its weight.

Be on your guard that no root of bitterness spring up in your heart and cause defilement to you and others.

Behold the Judge standeth at the door!

Behold what manner of the Love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be call the children of God!

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