



3 DAY *Devotional*

GIVE THE LORD YOUR FIRST



CON·SE·CRA·TION

CONSECRATE, v.t. L., to consecrate, sacred. See Sacred.

1

To make or declare to be sacred, by certain ceremonies or rites; to appropriate to sacred uses; to set apart, dedicate, or devote, to the service and worship of God; as, to consecrate a church

2

To canonize; to exalt to the rank of a saint; to enroll among the gods, as a Roman emperor.

3

To set apart and bless the elements in the eucharist.

4

To render venerable; to make respected; as, rules or principles consecrated by time.

The term "consecration" refers to the act of dedicating oneself to a specific purpose or intention. To "consecrate" yourself essentially means to wholly dedicate yourself to something of greatest important.....

SCRIPTURES ON CONSECRATION

2 Corinthians 8:5

And this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

Psalms 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalms 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 6:13

Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

Joshua 3:5

Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

1 Corinthians 6:20

For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

2 Timothy 2:20-21

Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

DAY 1 : PURGE

1. "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.
2. Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

ROMANS 12:1-2

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In this hour, the Lord is looking for people that will surrender everything to Him.

Hebrews 12:1-3 Amplified Bible (AMP) says "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who by faith have testified to the truth of God's absolute faithfulness], stripping off every unnecessary weight and the sin which so easily and cleverly entangles us, let us run with endurance and active persistence the race that is set before us, [looking away from all that will distract us and] focusing our eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Perfecter of faith [the first incentive for our belief and the One who brings our faith to maturity], who for the joy [of accomplishing the goal] set before Him endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God [revealing His deity, His authority, and the completion of His work]. Just consider and meditate on Him who endured from sinners such bitter hostility against Himself [consider it all in comparison with your trials], so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

There are some things in our hearts that the Lord is wanting to purge us of but we must first ask Him to search and show us and then we must embrace His purification. For some He might show you that you are carrying unforgiveness, for some, He might show you that you are harboring thoughts of jealousy towards someone, for others He might show you that you are entertaining perverse thoughts. Whatever He shows you, understand that He is showing you so that you and He can deal with it together.

2 Timothy 2:20-26 mentions that the Lord is looking for vessels of honor to use for His Kingdom. In order to become a vessel of Honor, we must allow the Lord to purify us. He is looking for clean vessels.

ACTIVATION

Spend some time asking the Lord to expose the icky stuff in your heart. Ask Him to show you the thoughts and feelings you've been harboring. As the Lord begins to show you things, write them down in the space below. Some things you may know and others may be a surprise, but there is fresh grace (empowerment from the Holy Spirit) to deal with them and surrender your life to Him completely.

PRAYER

Search me Lord. Check my life, my heart, my motives, and my desires. I present my body to Jesus Christ as a living sacrifice; I present the members of my body to Jesus Christ as instruments of righteousness. Lord would you shine a light on all areas of my life so that I can know what is a stumbling block. I pray that you would give me the grace and wisdom to surrender whatever you reveal to me. If I have any unforgiveness towards anyone, I repent. If I am carrying any offense in my heart, I repent. Search me Lord.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 2 : BYE IDOLS

3 "You must not have any other god but me.

4 "You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea.

5 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me.

6 But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those[a] who love me and obey my commands.

ROMANS 12:1-2

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The Bible makes it very clear that we should have no idols (God) in our life but Him. An idol can be anything - your clothes, your makeup, your relationships, your job, your education, your family... you get the point. Anything can become an idol when it takes the place of God.

Matthew 6:24 says "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.". It's very clear that what makes an idol and idol is the position of your heart towards it. Let's define idolatry. Someone one defined idolatry as anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, and anything that you seek to give you what only God can give.

The Lord wants your full attention and anything that takes your gaze away from Him, He will remove. His intent is never to harm you but He is a jealous God. (Exodus 20:5). The people of Israel never entered the Promise Land not just because of their ingratitude, but their hearts shifted away from God and other things became their idols.

DAY 3 : FIRST LOVE

4. 'But I have this [charge] against you, that you have left your first love [you have lost the depth of love that you first had for Me].

5. So remember the heights from which you have fallen, and repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, your sinful behavior—seek God’s will] and do the works you did at first [when you first knew Me]; otherwise, I will visit you and remove your lampstand (the church, its impact) from its place—unless you repent. '

REVELATION 2:4-5

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In Genesis 22:1-19 God calls out to Abraham and asks Him to sacrifice his son Issac. Before God makes the request of him, Abraham responds and says "Here I am". The Hebrew word for "Here I am" is Hineni, which means "I am ready to obey and do whatever you say without knowing what you will say or what you will ask." The position of Abraham's heart was one that was quick to obey. It didn't matter what the Lord would say, his response was always going to be "Here I am" or very simply put "Yes".

Abraham quickly obeys the Lord by preparing the items for sacrifice, gathering his servants, and his son, and heading up to the region of Moriah the next day. When Abraham arrives at the place, he instructs his servants to stay behind and he and Issac travel up to the mountain alone. Issac notices that everything but the sacrifice is there and the bible says Abraham tied Issac up and placed him on the altar. As he lifts the knife to kill his son an angel of the Lord calls out to Abraham. Abraham responds again "Here I am". The angel says to Abraham "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

The Bible says that Abraham looked up and saw a ram in the thicket. Is it possible that the ram was there all along? Absolutely, but Abraham was focused on what God said. Matthew 6:33 says "Seek first the kingdom and His righteousness, and all these (lesser important things) will be given to you." When we make what is a priority of the Lord our priority he causes us to see rightly. When we set our gaze, affection, and devotion on Him and give Him what He asks for, then and only then are we able to see/hear rightly. Our ability to see and hear is directly connected to our obedience.

Jesus is looking for sons and daughters who will give him EVERYTHING and withhold nothing. God is looking for sons and daughters that will love Him with all of their hearts, mind, and soul. He is looking for lovers who will make Him their first love.

Are you willing to make him your one and only love?

ACTIVATION

Spend some time asking the Lord to teach you to love Him the way He wants to be loved. Pray that your heart would turn back to Him as he becomes your first love again. Spend time repenting (turning) and then return to the things you first did when you first fell in love with Him.

PRAYER

Lord, I repent for allowing anything to take your place as the first love in my life. Forgive me for creating idols and worshiping the gifts when I should be worshiping the giver. Lord would you give me the grace to say "Here I am" like Abraham did. That I would "Yes" to whatever you would ask of me even before knowing. Lord help me to walk in quick obedience. Your word says that you give grace to the humble, but you resist the proud. I choose humility today, I choose you today, be my one and only love.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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