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Worship God, Generosity and Obedience

In the Bible, there are many passages related to worshipping God, generosity and obedience. Here are some scriptures that cover these topics:

Worship God:

Exodus 20:3-6 - "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make an idol for yourself, nor shall you make any likeness... You shall not bow down to those images, nor serve them; for I, the LORD your God A jealous god."

Psalms 95:6 - "Come, let us bow down and worship, kneel before the Lord our Maker."

Exodus 20:3-5 - "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make an idol for yourself, nor shall you make an image like anything in the heavens, nor the earth, nor the waters under the earth. You shall not bow down to those images, nor and serve it, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, and punish the iniquity of my fathers on those who hate me to the third and fourth generation;"

generous:

Proverbs 11:25 - "He who is generous will prosper; whoever nourishes will be watered."

Matthew 10:8 - "Freely you have received, freely give."

Psalms 37:21 - "The wicked borrow and don't pay back, but the righteous are kind and give."

Matthew 6:3-4 - "But when you give, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, but let your giving be done in secret, and your Father, who sees in secret, will repay you."

Submit:

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 - "What does the LORD your God require of you now, O Israel? If only you fear the LORD your God, walk in his ways, love him, serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, and keep his commandments and statutes, which I am commanding you today, for your blessing."

Ephesians 5:21 - "Submit yourselves to one another out of reverence for Christ."

These verses remind us that worshiping God, giving generously, and submitting to God's will are vital parts of the Christian life. They guide us to follow the teachings of the Bible to live godly, generous and obedient lives that reflect the glory of God.

Let us pray together

Dear heavenly father,

We come before you to give thanks and adore your power and love. In this prayer, we focus on the themes of worshiping you, generosity, and obedience.

Lord, we worship you because you are the creator of the universe and you are the master of all things. Your wisdom and power are immeasurable, and your love and mercy endure forever.

Lord, we humble ourselves before your glory and majesty, acknowledging that we are fragile human beings you created, yet you choose to view us with endless love and care.

We want to thank you for creating such a beautiful and diverse world for us. Thank you for your love and grace, allowing us to enjoy your gifts and blessings every day.

Please give us a generous heart, let us learn to be as generous as you. Help us willingly share our time, talents, resources, and love with others, especially those in need. May our generosity bring about positive change in society and be a testimony of your love. Lord, you are the generous giver who gave us your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that through him we may have eternal life. You have revealed your words to us, so that we can understand your heart and ways. In this time of gratitude, we would like to offer you our gratitude and love and to share generously what you have given us.

Lord, we too must obey. We acknowledge that we may lose our way and make mistakes in our journey of life, but we want to rely on your grace and mercy. In our obedience, grant us a firm heart and an unwavering will to do your will and teaching. Help us to resist the temptations of the world, not to be swayed by our own desires and self-centeredness, but to follow Your way with all our strength.

Lord, we ask you to be present in our lives. Let our worship be more than just lip service, but manifest in every moment. May our generosity be voluntary, not forced. May our obedience be genuine and not superficial.

Thank you for hearing our prayers. May the glory of our lives be yours.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Exodus Chapter 30

Ex. 30:10 Once a year Aaron shall make atonement on its horns. This annual atonement must be made with the blood of the atoning sin offering for the generations to come. It is most holy to the LORD.”

Ex. 30:11 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 30:12 “When you take a census of the Israelites to count them, each one must pay the LORD a ransom for his life at the time he is counted. Then no plague will come on them when you number them.

Ex. 30:13 Each one who crosses over to those already counted is to give a half shekel, according to the sanctuary shekel, which weighs twenty gerahs. This half shekel is an offering to the LORD.

Ex. 30:14 All who cross over, those twenty years old or more, are to give an offering to the LORD.

Ex. 30:15 The rich are not to give more than a half shekel and the poor are not to give less when you make the offering to the LORD to atone for your lives.

Ex. 30:16 Receive the atonement money from the Israelites and use it for the service of the Tent of Meeting. It will be a memorial for the Israelites before the LORD, making atonement for your lives.”

Ex. 30:17 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 30:18 “Make a bronze basin, with its bronze stand, for washing. Place it between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and put

water in it.

Ex. 30:19 Aaron and his sons are to wash their hands and feet with water from it.

Ex. 30:20 Whenever they enter the Tent of Meeting, they shall wash with water so that they will not die. Also, when they approach the altar to minister by presenting an offering made to the LORD by fire,

Ex. 30:21 they shall wash their hands and feet so that they will not die. This is to be a lasting ordinance for Aaron and his descendants for the generations to come.”

Ex. 30:22 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 30:23 “Take the following fine spices: 500 shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much (that is, 250 shekels) of fragrant cinnamon, 250 shekels of fragrant cane,

Ex. 30:24 500 shekels of cassia — all according to the sanctuary shekel — and a hin of olive oil.

Ex. 30:25 Make these into a sacred anointing oil, a fragrant blend, the work of a perfumer. It will be the sacred anointing oil.

Ex. 30:26 Then use it to anoint the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the Testimony,

Ex. 30:27 the table and all its articles, the lampstand and its accessories, the altar of incense,

Ex. 30:28 the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the basin with its stand.

Ex. 30:29 You shall consecrate them so they will be most holy, and whatever touches them will be holy.

Ex. 30:30 “Anoint Aaron and his sons and consecrate them so they may serve me as priests.

Ex. 30:31 Say to the Israelites, ‘This is to be my sacred anointing oil for the generations to come.

Ex. 30:32 Do not pour it on men’s bodies and do not make any oil with the same formula. It is sacred, and you are to consider it sacred.

Ex. 30:33 Whoever makes perfume like it and whoever puts it on anyone other than a priest must be cut off from his people.’”

Ex. 30:34 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Take fragrant spices — gum resin, onycha and galbanum — and pure frankincense, all in equal amounts,

Ex. 30:35 and make a fragrant blend of incense, the work of a perfumer. It is to be salted and pure and sacred.

Ex. 30:36 Grind some of it to powder and place it in front of the Testimony in the Tent of Meeting, where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you.

Ex. 30:37 Do not make any incense with this formula for yourselves; consider it holy to the LORD.

Ex. 30:38 Whoever makes any like it to enjoy its fragrance must be cut off from his people.”

Exodus chapter 30 begins with God's instructions to Moses to make an altar for burning incense, which should be made of acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold. The altar is to be placed in front of the veil that separates the Holy of Holies from the rest of the Tabernacle.

God also commands Moses to make a census of the Israelites and collect a half-shekel of silver from each person as a ransom for their lives. The silver is to be used to support the Tabernacle.

Next, God instructs Moses to make a bronze basin for the priests to wash their hands and feet before entering the Tabernacle, and to create a special anointing oil and incense for use in the Tabernacle.

Finally, God chooses Bezalel and Oholiab to oversee the construction of the Tabernacle and its furnishings, and he emphasizes the importance of observing the Sabbath as a sign of the covenant between God and the Israelites.

the key verses Chapter 30 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 30 provides instructions for building the altar of incense, making the anointing oil, and creating the incense. The key verses are:

1. "You shall make an altar on which to burn incense" (Exodus 30:1): This verse sets the stage for the chapter, emphasizing the importance of the altar of incense in the worship of God.
2. "Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it. Every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it" (Exodus 30:7-8): This verse describes the daily offering of incense on the altar, emphasizing the importance of regular, ritualized worship.
3. "You shall make of these a sacred anointing oil blended as by the perfumer; it shall be a holy anointing oil" (Exodus 30:25): This verse describes the recipe for the anointing oil, which was used to consecrate the priests and the altar.
4. "And you shall make of the incense a perfume, a confection after the art of the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and holy" (Exodus 30:35): This verse describes the recipe for the incense, which was also used in worship and was considered to be a symbol of the prayers of the people ascending to God.

Overall, Exodus chapter 30 emphasizes the importance of ritualized worship and the use of incense and anointing oil in approaching God. The chapter also highlights the importance of following precise instructions and using only the finest ingredients in creating these sacred objects.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 30:

Exodus chapter 30 continues the instructions given by God to Moses regarding the construction of the tabernacle. In this chapter, God provides specific instructions for the construction of the altar of incense and the bronze basin, as well as guidelines for the anointing oil and the incense to be used in the tabernacle.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the importance of worship and prayer. The altar of incense was a sacred piece of furniture where incense was burned, symbolizing the prayers and intercessions of the people ascending to God. The sweet fragrance of the incense represented the pleasing aroma of the prayers offered with sincerity and devotion.

The chapter also describes the construction of the bronze basin, which was to be used for the priests to wash their hands and feet before entering the tabernacle or approaching the altar. This

act of purification symbolized the need for cleanliness and holiness in the presence of God. It reminded the priests of the importance of approaching God with reverence and humility.

Furthermore, this chapter emphasizes the significance of the anointing oil and the incense. The anointing oil was to be used to consecrate the tabernacle and its furnishings, setting them apart as holy and dedicated to God. The incense was to be made according to a specific formula and was to be burned regularly on the altar of incense. It represented the pleasing and worshipful offering of the people's prayers and praises to God.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 30, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of worship and prayer in our relationship with God. Just as the incense represented the prayers of the people, we are called to offer our prayers, intercessions, and praises to God with sincerity and devotion. Our prayers are like a sweet fragrance that reaches the very presence of God.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the significance of approaching God with purity and humility. The act of washing at the bronze basin symbolizes the need for cleansing and repentance before coming into God's presence. It reminds us of the importance of confessing our sins, seeking forgiveness, and purifying ourselves through the work of Jesus Christ, who washes away our sins and makes us clean.

Furthermore, the anointing oil and the incense remind us of the empowerment and anointing of the Holy Spirit. As believers, we are anointed by the Holy Spirit, set apart and empowered for God's purposes. The incense represents our worship and prayers, which are made effective and pleasing through the work of the Holy Spirit within us.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 30 highlights the importance of worship, prayer, and approaching God with purity and humility. It calls us to offer our prayers and praises to God with sincerity and devotion, seeking His presence in our lives. It reminds us of the need for cleansing and repentance before coming into God's presence and emphasizes the empowering work of the Holy Spirit in our worship and prayer. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a heart of worship, approach God with reverence, and experience the transformative power of prayer in our lives.