

Module 7 – Living Sacrifices 05

Session 5

This short module Living Sacrifices is about the preparation for intimate relationship and the resultant transformation it brings so we can mature as sons of God.

We will discover places of fire and learn to engage the fire of God's loving presence for heavenly as well as earthly transformation.

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Rom 12:1 Live consistent with who you really are, inspired by the loving kindness of God. My brothers, the most practical expression of worship is to make your bodies available to him as a living sacrifice; this pleases him more than any religious routine. He desires to find visible, individual expression in your person.

Rom 12:2 Do not allow current religious tradition to mould you into its pattern of reasoning. Like an inspired artist, give attention to the detail of God's desire to find expression in you. Become acquainted with perfection. To accommodate yourself to the delight and good pleasure of him will transform your thoughts afresh from within.

- Sacrifices were made on altars and usually required fire.
- Fire is one factor in transformation.
- God is a consuming fire.
- God's fire and love are synonymous.

There are many different altars or places of fire within the heavenly realms that enable us to be transformed as living sacrifices.

→ **Tabernacle altars, Temple altar, Judgment seat, river of fire, fire stones, fiery sword.**

If we daily present ourselves as living sacrifices, we can be transformed and continually changed from one degree of glory to another into our eternal identity.

- **Each different place of fire within the heavenly realms has a different purpose, function and effect in our lives.**

It is important to be open, to pursue and embrace each place.

- **Cultivate a desire for the fire of transformation by having a living sacrifice attitude.**

Ask and seek Jesus who is the author and perfecter of our lives.

Ask Jesus to show the way to engage the river of fire, firestones and altars.

Ask Jesus as the living word of God to reveal the truth so we can know the truth by encounters, to be free.

I feel the heat is rising The flames of my horizon are at my door
I'm staring at the ruins the embers of our brokenness are scattered on the floor
This fire never sleeps His fire never sleeps
I see that hope is coming so pull me from the ashes Ignite my soul
Please, burn away the darkness His love is like a furnace where fire never sleeps
Burn, O Stop, I never want to miss You, Something new is being born and we were
born for this.
Lord, we know a day is coming when we'll look into Your eyes and see a fire that
never sleeps.

Fire Never Sleeps by Martin Smith, Nick Herbert©2012 Smith United (admin. by Integrity Music) Thankyou Music (admin. by Integrity Music) my soul, set me on fire Burn, O my soul, light up the fire Burn, O my soul

Are we willing to embrace the fire and allow God to apply heat to our lives in the crucible?

The crucible is the cocoon of transformation where heat is rising.
Prov27:21 The crucible is for silver and the furnace for gold,
A place of restriction where heat and pressure can be applied to bring transformation or alignment.

Mal 3:2 “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. 3 He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness.”

Purify, purge, cleanse, clear, free, unburden, deliver, relieve.

To remove contaminants or undesirable elements, remove dirty or harmful substances from.

To make ceremonially clean and pure.

To free from guilt or moral or ceremonial blemish, defilement or imperfection.

Refine -purify, clarify, clear, cleanse, strain, sift, filter, rarefy, distil, better, enhance, enrich, perfect, improve, and concentrate.

To free (as metal, sugar or oil) from impurities or unwanted material.

To improve (something) by making changes.

Refining with flame is one of the oldest methods of refining metals.

In ancient times, this form of refining involved a craftsman sitting next to a hot fire, with molten gold in a crucible being stirred and skimmed to remove the impurities or dross that rose to the top of the molten metal, with flames reaching temperatures in excess of 1000 degrees Celsius.

- **Are we willing to be refined and purified?**
- **Are we willing to be metamorphosed into a son of God?**

It will require some intense heat!

The refiner’s fire operates in the crucible. The more the wind of the Spirit blows, the hotter the fire burns.

- **To enter glory we must go through the fire of transformation.**
- **We are being prepared so that we can be like Him as sons of light.**

Purify my heart, Let me be as gold and precious silver. Purify my heart, Let me be as gold, pure gold. Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire Is to be holy Set apart for You, Lord. I choose to be holy Set apart for You, my Master, Ready to do Your will.

- **Are we willing to look into the fire in His eyes?**
- **Are we willing to embrace the fiery sword of judgment in His mouth, to engage the fiery words that pass judgment upon the dross in our lives?**
- **Are we willing to be living sacrifices?**

You provide the fire and I will provide the sacrifice.

Am I willing to embrace the altar?

Fire awaits to provide the heat necessary to refine and purify our hearts.

Am I willing to stay in the crucible to let the fire increase the temperature, to allow the dross to rise to the surface and be removed?

James 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Act 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." Earthly situations and heavenly engagements.

Altar, crucible or furnace, it is all about the fire but the heat comes through earthly situations, circumstances and relationships, particularly if we are not proactive.

Things buried or covered up will come to the surface or into the light but what do we do and where do we go?

Dan 11:35 Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time.

Dan 12:9 He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time. 10 Many will be purged, purified and refined."

Zech13:9:"And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'The Lord is my God.'"

"Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be like you, Lord."

Increasing levels of darkness and heat that will enable us to be ready to meet God face to face in the dark cloud.

Everything is leading us to consummation so let's embrace the purification so we will be ready to meet the king.

He has fire in his eyes and a sword in his hand And he's riding a white horse all across this land And he's calling out to you and me „Will you ride with Me? „And we say “Yes, Lord, we will. He has a crown on His head and He carries a sceptre in His hand And He's leading the armies all across this land And He's calling out to you and me „Will you ride with Me? „And we say “Yes, Lord, we will ride with You.” We will ride with You.”

We say, “Yes Lord, we will ride with You. We will stand up and fight. We will ride with the armies of heaven, we'll be dressed in white, we'll be dressed in white.”

We say, “Yes, yes Lord, we will ride.”

That fire in His eyes is his love for His bride And He's longing that she be with Him, right by His side And He's calling out to you and me „Will you ride with Me?”

- Metamorphosis, transformation, transfiguration: a process of change to bring spirit, soul and body into sonship.
- A complete change of form.
- Body, Soul, Spirit to Spirit, Soul, Body.
- Human being –living being –spirit being –being godlike.

A caterpillar's body is dissolved.

Heat -the body turns to mush.

DNA caterpillar genes switched off.

DNA encodes new genes to form a butterfly.

Struggle from cocoon produces strength to overcome and fly.

- Don't try to help the butterfly out of the cocoon.
- Struggle enables flight.
- Encourage and support but don't try to remove the struggle.
- **Don't try to avoid the process.**
- **Pursue the process.**

Butterfly can live in dual places, on land and in the air.

Transformation enables us to live in dual places of heaven and earth.

The order and flow of our lives changes.

Body –Soul –Spirit (outside in) to

Spirit –Soul –Body (inside out).

Altars of heaven.

Tabernacle altar represents the cross which is our access into the heavenlies.

Altar of incense: where we present ourselves as living sacrifices to create a sweet smelling fragrance, pleasing to God.

Altar of the temple.

Isa 6:4 And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. Then I said, Woe is me, for I am ruined!

Isa 6:4-7 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is purged"

In the fire of His presence there is nothing we can hide, nothing that is not revealed. In the presence of God's fire, we see things for how they really are.

- Place of total openness.
- Place of generational revelation.

We can be living sacrifices and continually embrace the altar in the temple.

We can engage the seraphim, burning ones.

Refiner's fire is an order of Seraphim angels assigned to mature us in fire.

→ **The fire challenges DIY self-rule.**

Being a living sacrifice is the surrender of self.

We embrace the cross as a fiery sword where self has been crucified with Christ.

The fiery sword is our access point into the heavenly realms as living sacrifices.

Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

- Denying self and DIY self-rule.
- Everything of self must be surrendered.

We need to yield self-centredness.

It can be very difficult because we are at the centre of all that goes on in our lives.

Our focus and purpose changes so that we become a channel for God's glory not our own.

We become led by the spirit, not driven by the soul.

Selfishness is putting myself first above everybody else.

Jesus said, "I have not come to be served, but to serve".

That is a different attitude.

I can seek to serve the Father as a son of God rather than be served.

Servant-hearted rulership and sonship.

We need to yield self-importance, self-promotion, self-reliance, self-sufficiency, even self-belief.

We can have no self-righteousness. self-help, self-expression.

Anything that is derived from self is negative, and however hard we find that, we have to surrender.

Self-respect, self-esteem, self-worth.

Self-respect comes from what I have done myself ("I did it my way").

Self-esteem, self-worth comes from what I can do in my own strength.

It is following the humanistic pathway of the knowledge of good and evil.

- I want my esteem to come from how God sees me,
- From knowing who I am as a child of God,
- From knowing the love of God,
- From knowing the value He places upon me.

My worth comes from knowing that I am God's child, that He loves me and has a purpose for me.

My image is not how I view myself, but it is seeing myself as God sees me.

- **If we could really see ourselves as God sees us, it would transform everything about our lives.**

→ **I can only truly be the me that God patterned in eternity if I am fully dead to the world as my independent source.**

There must be death on the altar if there is to be true resurrection life and dual realms living.

1 Cor6:17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son.

This is what transformation is all about.

→ **Am I willing to embrace it to become conformed no matter the cost?**

The transforming fire of God's love will consume and burn up all those things that are not of Him, but will purify and affirm those things that are.

The scroll of your life is compared to your scroll of destiny.

As the realms of heaven are open,
be willing to engage the river of fire.
Be willing for the river of fire to flow
through your soul, through your first
love gate, purifying and refining the
gateways of our soul and body.
Be willing to engage the altar in the
temple for your DNA to be refined.

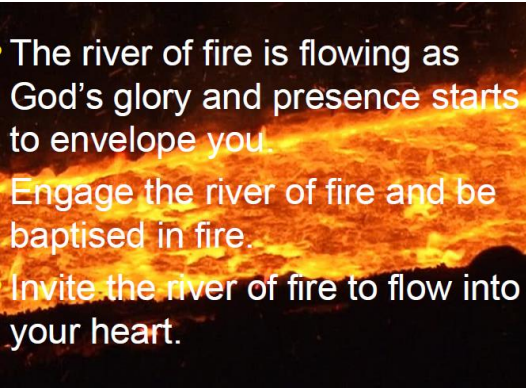


Engage Jesus as the way.

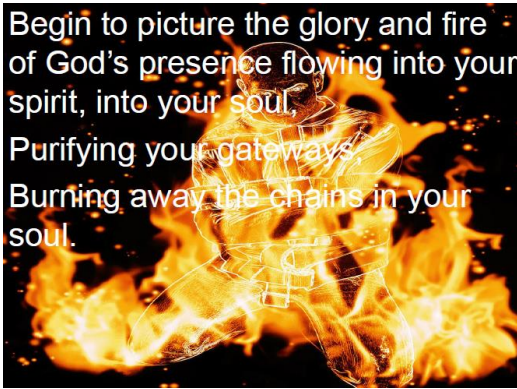


Ask Jesus to take you to the river
of fire.

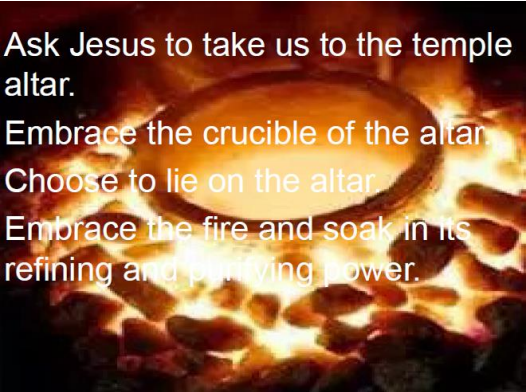




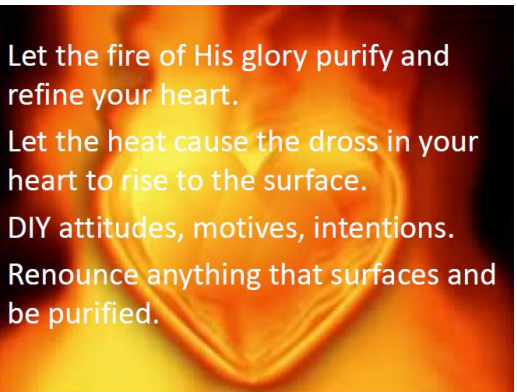
The river of fire is flowing as God's glory and presence starts to envelope you.
Engage the river of fire and be baptised in fire.
Invite the river of fire to flow into your heart.



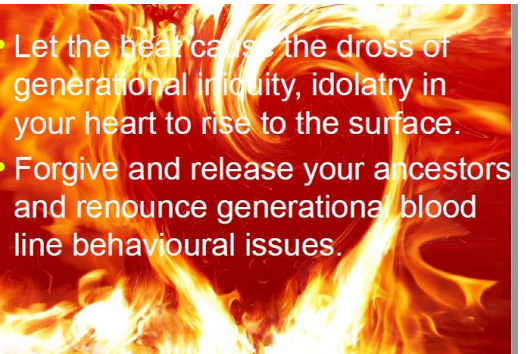
Begin to picture the glory and fire of God's presence flowing into your spirit, into your soul.
Purifying your gateways.
Burning away the chains in your soul.



Ask Jesus to take us to the temple altar.
Embrace the crucible of the altar.
Choose to lie on the altar.
Embrace the fire and soak in its refining and purifying power.



Let the fire of His glory purify and refine your heart.
Let the heat cause the dross in your heart to rise to the surface.
DIY attitudes, motives, intentions.
Renounce anything that surfaces and be purified.



Let the heat cause the dross of generational iniquity, idolatry in your heart to rise to the surface.
Forgive and release your ancestors and renounce generational blood line behavioural issues.