

Daniel part 16

misc. passages

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-INTRO:

--in Daniel 10, we saw Daniel standing on the banks of the Tigris river mourning about the lack of progress in restoring life in Jerusalem the way God designed it.

--the essence of Israel's life in Jerusalem:

--the temple, the people of God, and the animal sacrifices

--the people of God worshiped God through the sacrificial system of the temple

--Daniel could not grasp the magnitude of God's plan... The great event of the future was not the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem, but **the establishment of our lives as the temple of God's Spirit.**

--rather than the people of God offering animal sacrifices to God through the physical temple in Jerusalem, the people of God, anywhere in the world, are themselves the temple (1 Cor 6:18-20) and the sacrifice... (Romans 12:1-2)

--progression from three elements in an external reality to one internal, spiritual reality
hardwired to the core of our being!

--THE TEMPLE OF OUR LIVES:

--1 Cor 6:18-20 – "18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

--Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well about the human temple of the Holy Spirit that would soon be a reality: John 4:21-24: "Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, **the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain [Mount Gerizim in the north], nor in Jerusalem [in the south], worship the Father.** ... 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when **the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth;** for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

--THE SACRIFICE OF OUR LIVES:

--**just as God commanded Israel to present the daily animal sacrifices in the temple in Jerusalem (Exodus 29:38-42), so He commands us to present our lives as a daily sacrifice to Him**

--Romans 12:1-2 – "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that you present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and **perfect will of God.**"

--what does it mean to present our lives as a sacrifice to God?

--sacrificing/crucifying desires of the flesh... seeking God's will instead of the will of the flesh

--sacrificing the desires of the flesh is a form of worship!

--only when our lives are the temple of the Holy Spirit can we offer our lives as a living sacrifice, for it is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we crucify the desires of our flesh

--Romans 8:13: "For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

--1 Peter 4:1-2: "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 **that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.**

--1 Thess. 4:3: "For this is the will of God, **your sanctification...**"

--the irony: when we sacrifice our lives to God we save our lives!

--Luke 9:24-25: "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."

-A PICTURE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:

--the establishment of the temple in Jerusalem and the daily sacrifices... when we became a Christian our life became the temple of the Holy Spirit and daily worship in our soul began...