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2026
The
Year of
PRAISE

Proclaiming Praise - Pt. 2

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PROCLAIMING PRAISE PART 2

AN OFFERING OF PRAISE
Five Years of Fruitfulness

Leviticus 19:23-25; Hebrews 13:15

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Intro—*Heb 13:15* | The Fruit of Proclamation:
A **SACRIFICE** of **PRAISE**

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The Praise Offering of **OBEDIENCE**
(Ge 2:15-17; 3:1-24; 1Jn 2:15-17; 1Sa 15:22)
2. *Leviticus 19:24* | **Holy Fruit:**
The Praise Offering of **THANKSGIVING**
(Ps 100:4; Re 22:1-7)
3. *Leviticus 19:25* | **Feasting Fruit:**
The Praise Offering of **HUMILITY**
(Jos 5:1-12; Pr 1:20-33)

INTRODUCTION: A SACRIFICE of PRAISE

Heb 13:10-17

¹⁰ We have an altar from which...the tabernacle [priests] have no right to eat. ¹¹ The High Priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. ¹² And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through His own blood. ¹³ Let us, then, go to Him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace He bore. ¹⁴ For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the City that is to come. ¹⁵ **Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a SACRIFICE of PRAISE—the fruit of lips that openly PROCLAIM His Name.** ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good & to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. ^{17a} Have confidence in your leaders & submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account.

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Introduction *Hebrews 13:10-17*

PROCLAMATION Connects to **PRAISE**

Proclaiming what Jesus has done for us produces the fruit of authentic PRAISE.

Authentic **PRAISE** manifests in **CARING** for & **SHARING** with others, **SUBMITTING** to authority, and **TRUSTING** in God

Trusting in God consists of OBEDIENCE, THANKSGIVING, & HUMILITY.

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Genesis 2-3

Horticultural Benefits of Delaying Fruit Harvests in Young Trees

Energy Allocation: Fruit production depletes the energy of the young tree for growing & strengthening its own root & branch formations.

Tree Strength: Young trees have smaller, weaker branches that may fracture under the weight of full-grown fruit, permanently diminishing the strength & future capacity of the tree.

Future Fruitfulness: Focusing on growing the tree's infrastructure in the first years provides for greater & more harvests in future years over the lifespan of the tree.

Produce Quality: Fruit from young trees tends to be subpar; mature trees typically produce richer, larger, higher-quality fruit.

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¹⁵ The LORD God took the man & put him in the Garden of Eden to work it & take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 3

²² And the LORD...said, "The man has now become like one of Us, knowing good & evil. **He must not be allowed to reach out his hand & take also from the Tree of Life & eat, and live forever.**"

²³ **So the LORD...banished him [&]** ²⁴ **placed..cherubim & a flaming sword flashing back & forth to guard the way to the Tree of Life.**

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1 John 2:15-17

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For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, & pride in our achievements & possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

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1 Sam 15:22

"Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings & sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? **To obey is better than sacrifice, & to heed is better than the fat of rams.**"

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1. *Leviticus 19:23*

PRAISE Offers Up Our OBEDIENCE

Fasting from the forbidden positions us to feast more strongly on God's faith.

Empowered PRAISE is *empowering*, strengthening our roots in the Faith, our stance in the Word, and our reach for the Lord.

The Praise of OBEDIENCE produces great FRUITFULNESS of life.

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2. *Leviticus 19:24*

(Psalm 100:4; Revelation 22:1-7)

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2. The Praise Offering of THANKSGIVING Psalm 100:4

¹ A PSALM. FOR GIVING GRATEFUL PRAISE.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. ² Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. ³ Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, & we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. ⁴ Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with PRAISE; give thanks to Him and PRAISE His Name. ⁵ For the LORD is good & His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

2. The Praise Offering of THANKSGIVING

Rev 22:1-7

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God & of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. **On each side of the river stood the Tree of Life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.** ³ **No longer will there be any curse.** The throne of God & of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him. ⁴ They will see His face, & His Name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the

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Rev 22:1-7

light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord **God will give them light. And they will reign for ever & ever.**⁶ The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy & true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent His angel to show His servants the things that must soon take place."⁷ "Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll."

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2. *Leviticus 19:24*

PRAISE Offers Up Our **THANKSGIVING**

Offering to the Lord that which He has made fruitfulness in & through us opens up pathways of divine hope, help, & healing.

Grateful **PRAISE** instills in us more awareness of God's Presence.

The Praise of **THANKSGIVING** produces great **PEACE** & **PRODUCTIVITY**.

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3. *Leviticus 19:25*

(*Joshua 5:1-12; Proverbs 1:20-33*)

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Joshua 5:1-12

¹ Now when all the [foreign] kings...heard how the LORD had dried up the Jordan before the Israelites until they had crossed over, their hearts melted in fear & they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites. ² At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives & **circumcise the Israelites again.**" ³ So Joshua made flint knives & circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth. ⁴ Now this is why he did so: All the men of military age who came out of Egypt died in the wilderness along the way.... ⁵ All the people that came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness during the journey from Egypt had not. ⁶ The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness forty years until all the men who were of military age when they left Egypt had died, since they had not obeyed the LORD. For the LORD had sworn to them that they would not see the land

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Joshua 5:1-12

He had solemnly promised their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk & honey.⁷ So he raised up their sons in their place, and these were the ones Joshua circumcised....⁹ Then the LORD said... "**Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.**" So the place has been called Gilgal *[SOUNDS LIKE THE HEBREW FOR "roll"]* to this day.

¹⁰ On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. ¹¹ **The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the fruit of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain.** ¹² The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but **that year they ate the fruit of Canaan.**

3. The Praise Offering of HUMILITY

Proverbs 1:20-33

²⁰ Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square.... ²² "How long will mockers delight in mockery & fools hate knowledge? ²³ Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings. ²⁴ But since **you refuse to listen when I call and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand**, ²⁵ since you disregard all my advice & do not accept my rebuke, ²⁶ I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you... ²⁷ ...when distress & trouble overwhelm you. ²⁸ **Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me,**

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²⁹ since they hated knowledge & did not choose to fear the LORD. ³⁰ Since they would not accept my advice & spurned my rebuke, ³¹ they will eat the fruit of their ways & be filled with the fruit of their schemes. ³² For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; ³³ but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."

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3. *Leviticus 19:25*

PRAISE Expresses Our HUMILITY

When we allow for the cutting off & crucifying of our flesh, we also invite the abundance of God's supernatural harvest.

Humble PRAISE prepares us to receive the elevation God intends for His people.

The Praise of HUMILITY produces a great HARVEST FEAST of FAITH.

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PROCLAMATION of our faith produces true PRAISE that manifests LOVE as caring, sharing, submitting, & trusting God through...

OBEDIENCE that FASTS from the forbidden in order to feast on faithfulness, *as an Offering of Praise...*

THANKSGIVING that HONORS God with the fruit of our lives & relies on His healing help & hope, *as an Offering of Praise...*

HUMILITY that ENTRUSTS all to God and relies upon His wisdom & ways over our own, *as an Offering of Praise.*

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