

When the Burnt-offering Began, the Song

by F.B. Meyer

The song of the Lord will begin again when we cleanse the house of the Lord and offer ourselves as a burnt-offering of entire consecration.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 29:27, Psalm 51:10, Psalm 100:2, Isaiah 12:5, Romans 12:1, Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 10:22, James 4:8, 1 John 1:9

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Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the necessity of cleansing the heart to restore the song of the Lord, illustrating that neglecting self-sacrifice and devotion leads to spiritual backsliding. He urges believers to examine themselves, confess their sins, and remove all uncleanness from their lives to prepare for a renewed relationship with God. Only through complete surrender and consecration can one experience the joy and music of a life in harmony with God's will. Meyer highlights that true worship and song arise from a heart fully devoted to God, and that neglect leads to a silence in spiritual life. The sermon calls for a return to a state of purity and dedication to reignite the joy of worship.

Transcript

When the burnt-offering began, the song

of the Lord began also. 2 Chron. xxix. 27.

THIS chapter contains a parable of the cleansing of the heart, meant to be a temple for God; but the doors of prayer are unopened, the lamps of testimony unlit, the burnt-offerings of self-sacrifice neglected ; and, as the result, grass grows thick in courts which should have been trodden by the feet of Levite minstrels engaged in holy song. If ever that song is to break out again, it can only be after a thorough cleansing and renovation of the inner shrine. You tell me that you cannot sing the Lord's song; then I know you have gone into the strange land of backsliding. You acknowledge that for some time now you have taken no delight in God or his service; then I am sure that the temple is badly in need of renovation.

Cleanse the house of the Lord. Bring out all the uncleanness. By self-examination, confession, and repudiation, be clean of all the filth which has accumulated through months and years of neglect. Resume

the position of entire devotion, as a prepared and sanctified soul. Offer the sin‑offering for the past, and prepare the burnt‑offering of entire consecration for the future. And when that is offered, when you determine to be wholly God's, lay yourself, with all the interests of your life, at the feet of Jesus, for his disposal; then the song of the Lord will begin again.

The music of your life is still, because you are out of accord with the will of God; but when by surrender and consecration there is unison, your heart will be filled with songs without words, and love like an ocean in the fulness of her strength. When the rich, selfish bachelor suddenly finds himself compelled to care for his dead brother's little children, he is startled to find that a new song has begun in his life.

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