



Sabbath Blessing: Part Eight “Sabbath Offering”

Psalm 50

Sabbath and Corporate Worship?

Should sabbath practice include going to church?

Gathering together is definitely a NT priority: **Acts 2:46; Hebrews 10:24-25**

Sabbath tradition and synagogue attendance

Difficult to find a Scriptural link between sabbath rest and church-going

What is clearer is a sabbath practice as worship: placement in the the commandments

The connection between sabbath and festival days

The festival days were marked by their offering requirements: **Leviticus 23:8, 11-13, 17-19, 25, 27**

OT offerings included animal sacrifices, food offerings, drink offerings

Burnt, Grain, Peace, Guilt and Sin offerings

Worship fundamentally understood as offering

NT *proskuneo* bend the knee toward: a volitional act of recognition and submission

The scene of the magi bowing down and giving gifts: **Matthew 2:21**

How does an “offering paradigm” shape our understanding of worship on the sabbath?

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God is the righteous Judge: **verses 1-6**

A judge is one who sees what is real and declares it as so

Judgment of this psalm: you thought I was one like yourself: **verse 21**

(which results in meaningless ritual and character-eroding arrogance): **verses 8,16-20**

Forgetting the offerer is the lesser: **see Hebrews 7:1-7**

God has no needs, including no need of human offering: **verses 7-13**

The offering God desires is “to call upon Him in the day of trouble”: **verse 15**

Recognition of and leaning into our need is our premiere offering that glorifies God

Sabbath is this very tangible expression of handing our lives over to God for the day

Expresses confidence in God’s competence to run our lives better than ourselves

In this way sabbath practice is itself the offering God prefers

What follows this is the sacrifice (offering) of thanksgiving: **verses 14, 23**

Thanksgiving is the partner offering to the offering of need and weakness

Thanksgiving completes the circle by noting and telling what God has done

Sabbath practice as rooted in acts of thanksgiving