

Hebrews 13:15-16

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We have the opportunity to offer up better sacrifices to God than animals, through our praise.

Paul reiterated that animal sacrifices and the Old Covenant are inferior to the New Covenant. However, we are still called to *continually offer up a sacrifice of praise* to God. Of course, our sacrifices would mean nothing without the foundational sacrifice that Christ Jesus made. He is the foundation of our faith and all sacrifices must be offered through faith in Him.

Paul lists the sacrifices that are pleasing to God, first offering praise and giving *thanks to His name*. *Giving thanks to His name* means to confess His name. It is pleasing to God when we openly and willingly confess His name and our faith in Him. Hebrews 10:23 tells us to “hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.” The book of Hebrews is a call to hold firm in the faith and finish well, endure until the end. When we have faith it is a pleasing sacrifice to God.

God is also *pleased* when we do good and share. At the beginning of this chapter, Paul asked these believers to let brotherly love continue. It is pleasing to God when we do good to our fellow believers and share what we have with them, and with others. Fostering brotherly love will also help believers remain faithful and finish (“teleo”) well.

Biblical Text:

¹⁵ Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. ¹⁶ And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.