

BA6. Offering Our Entire Selves to God.

We are to offer our entire selves to God.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Romans 12:1

I exhort you, therefore, brothers, in view of God's mercies, to offer yourselves as a sacrifice, living and set apart for God. This will please him; it is the logical "Temple worship" for you.

Romans 6:12-13

Therefore, do not let sin rule in your mortal bodies, so that it makes you obey its desires; and do not offer any part of yourselves to sin as an instrument for wickedness. On the contrary, offer yourselves to God as people alive from the dead, and your various parts to God as instruments for righteousness.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 16:24

Mark 8:34

Luke 9:23

Romans 6:22

Galatians 2:20

Ephesians 5:1-2

Philippians 3:8-9

Related New Testament Mitzvot

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YA03 Continually Offering Sacrifices of Praise to God
GB17 Doing Everything in Faith and Unto Yeshua
GB41 Working to Serve the New Covenant
HB04 Obeying the Commandments (Mitzvot / Torah /Will) of God

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Deuteronomy 6:5

.. and you are to love ADONAI your God with all your heart, all your being and all your resources.

Deuteronomy 10:12

So now, Isra'el, all that ADONAI your God asks from you is to fear ADONAI your God, follow all his ways, love him and serve ADONAI your God with all your heart and all your being;

Deuteronomy 11:13

So if you listen carefully to my mitzvot which I am giving you today, to love ADONAI your God and serve him with all your heart and all your being;

Psalms 95:6

Come, let's bow down and worship; let's kneel before ADONAI who made us.

Psalms 117:1

Praise ADONAI, all you nations! Worship him, all you peoples!

Comment

If our understanding of this *Mitzvah* #BA6 combined with Luke 9:23 and Romans 6:22 is merely literal, we will conclude that God expects us to have no self-concerns or desires other than to give ourselves to him. As with most biblical interpretation, we can miss the meaning if we do not consider the Bible as a whole. Being God's "slave" (as Romans 6:22 puts it) is not what God wants our relationship with him to be. That is made clear in Psalms 37:4:

"Trust in ADONAI, and do good; settle in the land, and feed on faithfulness. Then you will delight yourself in ADONAI, and he will give you your heart's desire."

Of course, our heart's desire must be consistent with God's moral values and his will for us and for mankind. Psalms 126:2, Proverbs 10:28, Proverbs 17:22, and Ecclesiastes 9:7 illustrate more of the lighter side of God's will for us.

One may notice that, in comparison to the New Testament, there are relatively few references in the *Tanakh* to offering ourselves to God; the *Tanakh*'s references to offerings are mostly to altar sacrifices. Nevertheless, giving ourselves to God is taught throughout the *Tanakh* using expressions such as "presenting ourselves," "worshipping," "bowing down," "being in union with," "following," "serving," "dedicating," and "obeying."

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