

A Heart Problem

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Warren Wiersbe emphasizes the importance of starting each day with dedicated prayer and commitment to God as a living sacrifice.

Scripture: Psalm 5:3, Psalm 90:12, Mark 1:35, Romans 12:1, 1 Corinthians 6:19, Ephesians 5:16, Colossians 3:17, James 4:14, Revelation 1:5

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Description

Warren Wiersbe emphasizes the importance of starting the day by meeting with God in the morning, drawing inspiration from Psalm 5:1-12 and Mark 1:35. He highlights the significance of being like a priest who offers sacrifices of praise to God each morning, symbolizing total dedication and surrender. Wiersbe reminds believers that through faith in Jesus Christ, they are made priests to God, with their bodies being His temple. He encourages dedicating each day as a living sacrifice to the Lord, seeking His guidance and viewing each day as a gift to be stewarded well.

Transcript

Read Psalm 5:1-12

It's imperative for us to meet God in the morning if we want to have a good day. Jesus got up early in the morning to pray, according to Mark 1:35. Here we find the psalmist saying, "My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up" (v. 3).

When I used to work the night shift, I would sleep in the morning. So when I got up in the afternoon, I would meet with the Lord. Meeting with God is not an appointment on a clock but an appointment in your heart. Does God hear your voice in the morning? When He looks on you at the beginning of your day, does He look on you as a priest who has come to offer Him sacrifices of praise? That's what direct means (v. 3)--"to order my prayer." It means to arrange the sacrifice on the altar.

When you wake up in the morning, remind yourself that you are one of God's priests. How did you become a priest? Through faith in Jesus Christ. "To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father" (Rev. 1:5,6). You're one of God's priests. That means wherever you are is God's temple, because your body is His temple.

The first thing we do in the morning is the first thing the high priest used to do every morning. He laid the burnt offering on the altar. The burnt offering is a picture of total dedication to God. If you want to have a good day, start by giving yourself to the Lord as a burnt offering, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God (Rom. 12:1). A good day begins in the morning, and it begins at the altar.

Does your day begin with God? If not, decide to start each morning by dedicating yourself to Him as a living sacrifice and ask His guidance for the day's decisions and actions. He wants to direct your life. So view each day as a gift from God and determine to be a good steward of the day's resources. Make your time with Him a daily appointment.

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