



“Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.” Psalm 66:16 (NIV)

What He’s Done: I will Come with an Offering
Psalm 66

Psalm 66:8-15

Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance. I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you — vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble. I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats.

I. Our Giving must be Guarded by the Right Purposes.

- We Give to express our Worship.

Deuteronomy 16:16-17 (NIV)

No one should appear before the LORD empty-handed: Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.

I Chronicles 16:29 (NIV)

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

- We Give to Extend His Kingdom.

II Chronicles 29:10-16 (NIV)

David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. Who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided **for building you a temple** for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.

II. Our Giving must be Guided by the Right Principles.

- God’s priority in Giving is that I first give myself.

II Corinthians 8:1-5 (NIV)

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

- God wants me to learn to Give out of that which I have.

II Corinthians 8:11, 12 (NIV)

Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

- God wants me to Give to express my Love to Christ.

II Corinthians 8:7-8 (NIV)

"As you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, — see that you excel in this act of grace also. ...to prove that your love also is genuine."