

Shalom! May the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be praised.

Let us learn the Word of God today.

We are going to look at the story of Abram (Abraham), the father of faith.

This story carries a powerful lesson for anyone who offers a sacrifice to God.

Read the passage:

Genesis 15:7-12

“I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to inherit.”

Abram said, “Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?” The LORD told him, “Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, and a turtledove and a young pigeon.”

Abram brought all these, cut them in two, and arranged the halves opposite each other, but did not cut the birds. Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep and a great

darkness fell upon Abram.

THE MAIN LESSON

Abraham obeyed God by preparing a sacrifice exactly as God instructed.

He went into the wilderness, arranged everything perfectly, and waited for God to respond.

But nothing happened immediately.

He waited from morning...

To noon...

To evening...

Still nothing.

Instead, birds of prey came and began to eat the sacrifice.

Here are the three key things that Abraham did—and we must learn from them:

1. Abraham refused to let the birds eat his sacrifice

He had not yet seen God respond.

He had not heard any voice.

He had no sign.

But he *refused* to let the birds destroy what he had given to God.

He stayed there, actively protecting his sacrifice.

Likewise, when we give God our sacrifice—our tithes, offerings, service, money, prayer, or time—we must protect it from being “eaten.”

2. Waiting for God is a test of faith

Many believers give their offerings with a sincere heart.

But after some time—months, or even a year—with no visible results, they begin saying:

- “What is this sacrifice helping me with?”
- “My needs are too many—let me use this for something else.”
- “I gave faithfully, but my life is still the same...”

Those thoughts are birds of prey, trying to eat your sacrifice.

3. What are you doing with your sacrifice?

If you used to give faithfully, but now because of problems, pressure, money needs, or friends, you stop giving or reduce giving...

Those are birds eating your offering.

Return to the faith of Abraham—protect your sacrifice until the end, even when you see nothing yet.

THE END OF THE MATTER — GOD CAME IN HIS TIME

At evening, when darkness had fallen...

God finally came.

He spoke to Abraham.

Fire of God passed between the pieces.

God established His covenant.

This teaches us:

→ God answers at His time — and His time is always perfect.

LESSONS FOR US TODAY

1. Protect your sacrifice — Don't let anything destroy it.
2. Waiting for God — Is part of your faith journey.
3. Lack of immediate results — Does not mean God rejected your sacrifice.
4. Be steadfast — God sees everything you offer.

Look at the example of Cornelius:

“Your prayers and your gifts to the poor have come up before God as a memorial offering.”
(Acts 10:4)

Whatever you offer to God in sincerity becomes a memorial before Him.

Conclusion

Man and woman of God:

Do not stop. Do not give up. Do not let your sacrifice be eaten.

Stand firm like Abraham, and the fire of God will surely come upon your offering at the appointed time.

God bless you!

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