

1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-4

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PART II

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

¹ Now concerning the collection . . .

Malachi 1:6-14

⁶ "A son honors *his* father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is **My honor**? And if I am a master, where is **My respect**?' says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name.

But you say, 'How have we despised Your name?' ⁷ "**You are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, 'How have we defiled You?' In that you say, 'The table of the LORD is to be despised.'**" ⁸ "But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil?

Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.

⁹ "But now will you not entreat God's favor, that He may be gracious to us? With such an offering on your part, will He receive any of you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.

¹⁰ "Oh that there were one among you who would shut the gates, that you might not uselessly kindle fire on My altar! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD of hosts, "nor will I accept an offering from you.

¹¹ "For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My name will be great among the nations," says the LORD of hosts.

¹² "But you are profaning it, in that you say, 'The table of the Lord is defiled, and as for its fruit, its food is to be despised.'" ¹³ "You also say, 'My, how tiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it," says the LORD of hosts, "and you bring what was taken by robbery and what is lame or sick; so you bring the offering!

Should I receive that from your hand?" says the LORD. ¹⁴ "But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King," says the LORD of hosts, "and My name is feared among the nations."

2 Samuel 24:18-25

¹⁸ So **Gad came to David that day and said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite."**

¹⁹ **David went up according to the word** of Gad, **just as the LORD had commanded.**

²⁰ Araunah looked down and saw the king and his servants crossing over toward him; and Araunah went out and bowed his face to the ground before the king. ²¹ Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "**To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be held back from the people.**" ²² Araunah said to David, "**Let my lord the king take and offer up what is good in his sight. Look, the oxen for the burnt offering, the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood.**" ²³ "**Everything, O king, Araunah gives to the king.**" And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you."

²⁴ However, the king said to Araunah, "**No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing.**" So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. ²⁵ David built there an altar to the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

Thus the LORD was moved by prayer for the land, and the plague was held back from Israel.

Proverbs 23:26

²⁶ Give me **your heart**, my son, And let **your eyes delight** in my ways.

Psalm 40:8

⁸ I **delight to do Your will**, O my God; Your **Law is within my heart.**"

Psalm 1:2

² But his **delight is in the law of the LORD**, And **in His law he meditates day and night.**

Psalm 37:4

⁴ **Delight yourself in the LORD**; And He will give you **the desires of your heart.**

Acts 13:22-23

²² "After He had removed him, **He raised up David** to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, '**I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.**'" ²³ "From the descendants of this man, according to promise, **God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus.**

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Q. 81. Who are to come unto the table of the Lord?

A. Those who are **displeased with themselves for their sins**, yet **trust that** these are forgiven them, and that their remaining infirmity is **covered by the passion and death of Christ**; who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and amend their life.

But **the impenitent and hypocrites eat and drink judgment to themselves.**

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