

信息： 神所要的祭

MESSAGE: THE SACRIFICES DESIRED BY GOD

大衛在詩篇第五十一篇中說到，『神所要的祭就是憂傷的靈，神阿，憂傷痛悔的心，必不輕看。』在他認罪悔改以後，求神使他裏面重新有對的靈和願意的靈。大衛得著了一個啟示——認識神所要的祭並不是牛羊的祭物，而是一個破碎的靈。帶著憂傷痛悔的心來到神面前，謙卑俯伏，因仍得救恩之樂而開口傳揚讚美神的話。這樣的祭何等讓神的心得著滿足！祂必用這樣的生命來建造耶路撒冷的城牆。

當我們的心被神的愛溶化，而把自己的身體當作活祭獻上（羅 12: 1），每一天我們所作的每一件事，就都成了讚美和敬拜神的表現，『我們應當靠著耶穌，常常以頌讚為祭獻給神，這就是那承認主名之人嘴唇的果子』（來 13: 15）。「讚美」是我們經常要獻上的祭，並不是憑情緒的憂喜，或環境的順逆，而是因著認識神的心意，以及認識我們本是「君尊的祭司」。『萬民哪！你們當稱頌我們的神，使人得聽讚美祂的聲音』（詩 66: 8），惟祂是配，祂是聖潔的，是住在以色列的讚美中（詩 22: 3 另譯）。

David said in Psalms 51: "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise." After confessing his sin and repenting, David asked God to create a clean heart and a willing spirit within him. Because he gained a revelation that the kind of sacrifice God desires is not burnt offerings but a broken spirit. With a contrite heart, he went before the Lord and humbled himself. Therefore, he received the joy of salvation and declared His praise. What a satisfying offering he had offered before God! God will use this kind of life to build up the walls of Jerusalem.

When the love of God melts our heart and causes us to offer our body to Him as a living sacrifice, then every thing we do becomes praise and worship to Him. "Through Jesus, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name" (Heb.13:15). "Praise" is the kind of sacrifice we should always offer, regardless of our mood or circumstances. We offer it due to our understanding of God's will and the realization that we are His honorable priests. "Bless our God, O people, And sound His praise abroad" (Psalms 66:8), for He alone is worthy. He is holy, who is enthroned upon the praises of Israel (Psalms 22:3).

故事： 讚美之聲解重圍

STORY: BROKE THROUGH WITH PRAISE

1799 年是法國皇帝拿破崙一世最盛的時候。他的軍隊橫行歐洲，人們都莫敢誰何。大將軍馬生拿奉他的命，率領一萬八千人進兵侵略奧國。在奧國邊界，有座小城，名叫弗德克；那裏沒有

In 1799, ruler Napoleon's power was at its peak. No one could stand against his army. Once at the order of Napoleon, General Manasen led eighteen thousand soldiers to invade Austria. A little city called Feldkirk was located at the border

正式的軍隊，也沒有任何的準備。

正當復活節的早晨，馬將軍的大軍來到，駐紮在城外高山之上，個個耀武揚威。城內的人聚集，商量投降的手續，全城紛亂，不知所措。他們從清早就開了好幾次的會議，無暇顧及復活節的敬拜聚會。

在會議中有位老執事站起來說：「弟兄們，今日豈不是復活節，萬軍之耶和華的兒子耶穌基督由死復活大得勝的時候麼？從早晨到如今，我們商量又商量，會議又會議，結果只是徒喚奈何而已。我們既知道自己無能，我提議打鐘，來到禮拜堂去敬拜神。我們的仇敵，讓神自己來對付他們罷！」於是各禮拜堂鐘聲大響，人們扶老攜幼，到禮拜堂去唱詩，讚美主復活的大能。

馬將軍是富有經驗的元帥，他對部下官佐說：「不好了！今早圍城，城裏哭聲載道，現在忽然打起鐘來，人們高聲大唱，破啼為笑。按我的經驗，這是他們的救兵來到了！我們趕快退兵罷！」真是「未煩一兵，未勞一卒」，神替祂的兒女打退了仇敵。

『約沙法既與民商議了，就設立歌唱的人頌讚耶和華，……眾人方唱歌讚美的時候，耶和華就派伏兵擊殺那來攻擊猶大人亞捫人、摩押人、和西珥山人他們就被打敗了』（代下 20: 21-22）。

of Austria. Feldkirk was not equipped with armed forces nor even prepared for such an invasion.

It was on Easter morning when General Manasen's army arrived outside the little city. They camped at the hill top. The residents of Feldkirk gathered together and discussed the procedures of surrender. The whole city was in chaos and lost control. Several meetings had been held since early morning, and they completely forgot about the worship meeting to be held on Easter morning.

In one of the gatherings, an older deacon stood up and said: "Brothers, isn't today Easter, the day Jesus Christ the Son of God triumphed over death through His resurrection? We have spent much time since this morning discussing and still have reached no conclusion. Therefore, I suggest that we, who are incapable in this situation, go to church and worship God now. As for our enemies, let God deal with them Himself!" As a result, the bells of every church sounded loudly, people of the entire city assembled in many churches and worshipped God through hymns and praise.

General Manasen was a very experienced soldier. When he heard the voices of praise, he said to his soldiers: "Something is wrong! For this morning the city is filled with cries of fears, but now it is full of voices of singing and praising. Their rescue must have arrived! Let us withdraw immediately!" Therefore, God defeated the enemy for His children at no cost to them.

"And when Jehoshaphat had consulted with the people, he appointed those who praised Him in holy attire,..., and when they began singing and praising, the Lord set ambushes against the sons of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so they were routed" (II Chronicles 20:21-22).