

**“The Nature Of Sacrifice”** by Kirk Hunt

*And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings [sacrifice] unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.*

2 Samuel 24:24 KJV

There are two forms of sacrifice: giving or doing. You sacrifice by giving away something you would prefer to keep. You also sacrifice by doing when you would rather be sitting. Either way, the last part is the word, “ouch.”

A sacrifice must mean something to you. It must cost you something. Only then does the act have any meaning for you. Or God.

The money David spent in verse 24 was just the beginning. The altar had to be built. The oxen were prepared. The farm implements were chopped into firewood.

David's sacrifice brought forgiveness. It is important to note that David could not buy forgiveness. All he could do was show God how sorry he was for his sin. David gave. David did.

God saw sincere and true repentance, in David's authentic sacrifice. Forgiveness flowed from heaven. It may have hurt, but David renewed his relationship with God.

You may have to give away something precious. It may cost you sweat and blood. What will your sacrifice(s) bring?

**Think:** Real sacrifice gives real results.

**Pray:** “Father-God, help me to sacrifice what I must to grow closer to You.”

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