

I Gotta Clean Up What I Messed Up!!!

Psalms 66:13-14 - I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows, Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to Psalms 66:13-14, as we lift up the Name of the Lord. Our topic is "I Gotta Clean Up What I Messed Up."

Has anyone ever made a promise (vow) to God? If we are all really honest, we can testify that we all have. You see when God make a promise to us, we have a right to expect the Lord to follow through on His promise. Likewise, when we make God a promise, He has a right to expect us to follow through on our promise. Hallelujah, somebody. As we look at the text we realize that the psalmist is committed to stewardship and tithing as they go into the house of the Lord with burnt offerings. In fact, the Psalmist is a person of means because they have a testimony of the great offering that they give unto the Lord in verse 15. In this setting, oftentimes the people would offer turtledoves, but this person says I am going to give a large offering with some rams, bullocks, and goats because the Lord has been good to me. Has the Lord been good to anybody? The psalmist shares their testimony of God's goodness and says "Come and hear, everybody that fears God and I will declare, or I will tell you what the Lord has done for my soul. Does anybody have a testimony of God's Goodness? Does anybody have a testimony of how God made a way out of no way? Does anybody have a testimony of how God healed your body? Tell somebody, God is So Good – We just need to pause for a moment and "Clean Up What We Messed Up."

The Psalmist says "I will pay thee my vows, which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble." The real question is, "Have you ever been in trouble?" Don't fool me now. Have you ever been in trouble and you didn't know how that situation was going to work out? You had lost all hope and couldn't see your way out and though you may have been guilty as charged, you made a vow (a promise) and said "God, if you get me out of this one." God – if you'll just fix this one – you won't have to worry about me no more!!! Do you remember what you promised God?

- **The Lord heard your prayer** - Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. (Job 22:27-28) This is the process of giving you access to the Blessings of God. I want to encourage you to go back and revisit the promises that you have made to God. Don't stop there with revisiting – but make your mind up and make sure that your heart is fixed, then follow through with the promises that you made to God. ***You just gotta clean***

up what you messed up.

- **The Power of Conviction** – Oftentimes we may ask the question “WHY???” Why do I need to go back and clean up what I messed up? I’m so glad you asked. It is because we are in a relationship with God and He wants you to be confident toward Him. See 1 John 3:21-22. It says “Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.” My brothers and sisters your heart has to be clear in your relationship and discipleship with God because He wants to bless you in the midst of your situation, and change your circumstance, but the condition of the heart has to be right. Yes... So, no more excuses. No more blaming everybody else, it’s time to man-up, and woman-up and accept responsibility for what you are and who you are – and who you can become. Tell somebody – I just got to repent and clean up, clean up, clean up what I messed up.
- **Repent** - Repent and ask the Lord to come into your heart. Jesus can truly change your heart. Jesus said, “Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” (Matt. 4:17). God is patient and wants you to repent. (2 Pet. 3:9) In Acts 2:38, Peter tells people to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. There are things that are messed up, but they all can be cleaned up – We must simply and humbly repent. Once one cleans up what the messed up, then a new thing occurs in their lives. Can I get a witness?

In closing, the Lord heard your prayer. There’s power in conviction – be sure to repent and follow through with the promises that you’ve made to God. Yes Lord. God will forgive sins and cleanse people of unrighteousness if they confess their sins. (1Jn. 1:9) Humanity will perish unless they repent (Luke 13:3) Godly sorrow leads to repentance and salvation, while worldly sorrow leads to death. (2 Cor. 7:10) Jesus calls churches to repent, showing that believers should continually turn away from sin and towards God. (Rev.2-3) For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. Make up your mind that you’re going to clean up what you messed up and enjoy the joy of the Lord. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. Amen.