

Psalms 66:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my
vows,

Analysis

Personal testimony now follows corporate praise—'I will go into thy house with burnt offerings' shows individual commitment to worship. Burnt offerings, wholly consumed on the altar, symbolized complete dedication to God. The phrase 'I will pay thee my vows' reflects covenant faithfulness—keeping promises made during distress. This teaches that vows made in desperation must be honored in deliverance, demonstrating that genuine faith persists beyond crisis.

Historical Context

In Israel's sacrificial system, burnt offerings (Leviticus 1) represented atonement and total consecration. Vow-keeping was legally and morally binding (Deuteronomy 23:21-23), showing God's people valued their word as sacred.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What 'vows' or commitments did you make to God during difficult times that you need to fulfill now?
2. How does your worship in times of blessing compare to your prayers in times of need?
3. In what ways does the burnt offering's complete consumption picture the total dedication God desires from you?

Interlinear Text

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H935	H1004	H5930	H7999		H5088

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 13:15 (Sacrifice): By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Psalms 116:14 (Parallel theme): I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

Psalms 118:19 (Parallel theme): Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:

Psalms 56:12 (Parallel theme): Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

Psalms 100:4 (Parallel theme): Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Ecclesiastes 5:4 (Parallel theme): When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

Jonah 2:9 (Sacrifice): But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

Nahum 1:15 (Parallel theme): Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

Psalms 118:27 (Sacrifice): God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Psalms 22:25 (Parallel theme): My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

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