



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

# Giving Thanks

## Not Only A Day – A Foundation

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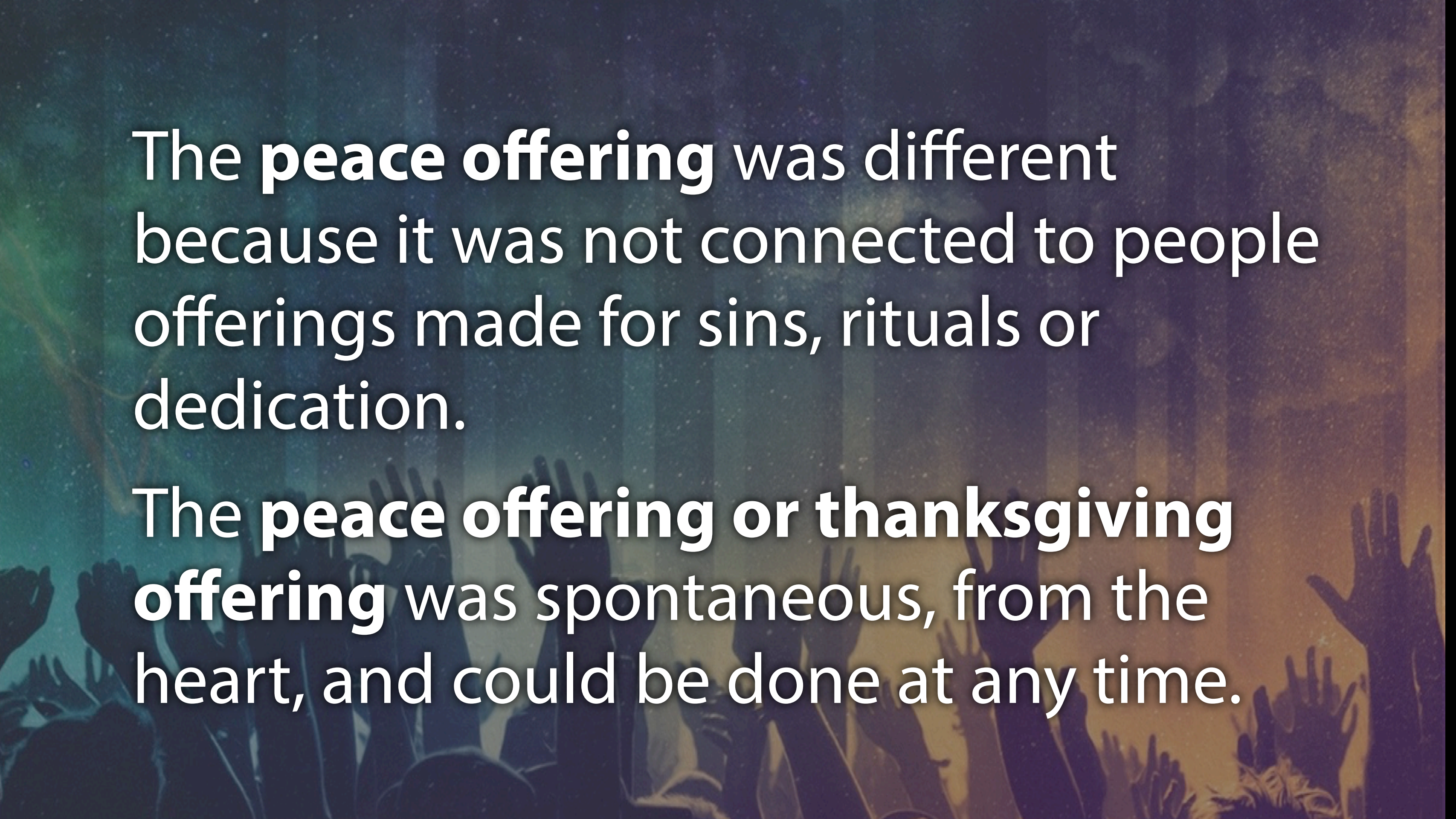
**1 Thessalonians 5:18**, *In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*



## FOUNDATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING

**Leviticus 7:11** *'This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which he shall (or "may offer") offer to the Lord: 12 If he **offers it for a thanksgiving**, then he shall offer, with **the sacrifice of thanksgiving**, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil. 13 Besides the cakes, as his offering he shall offer leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering.*

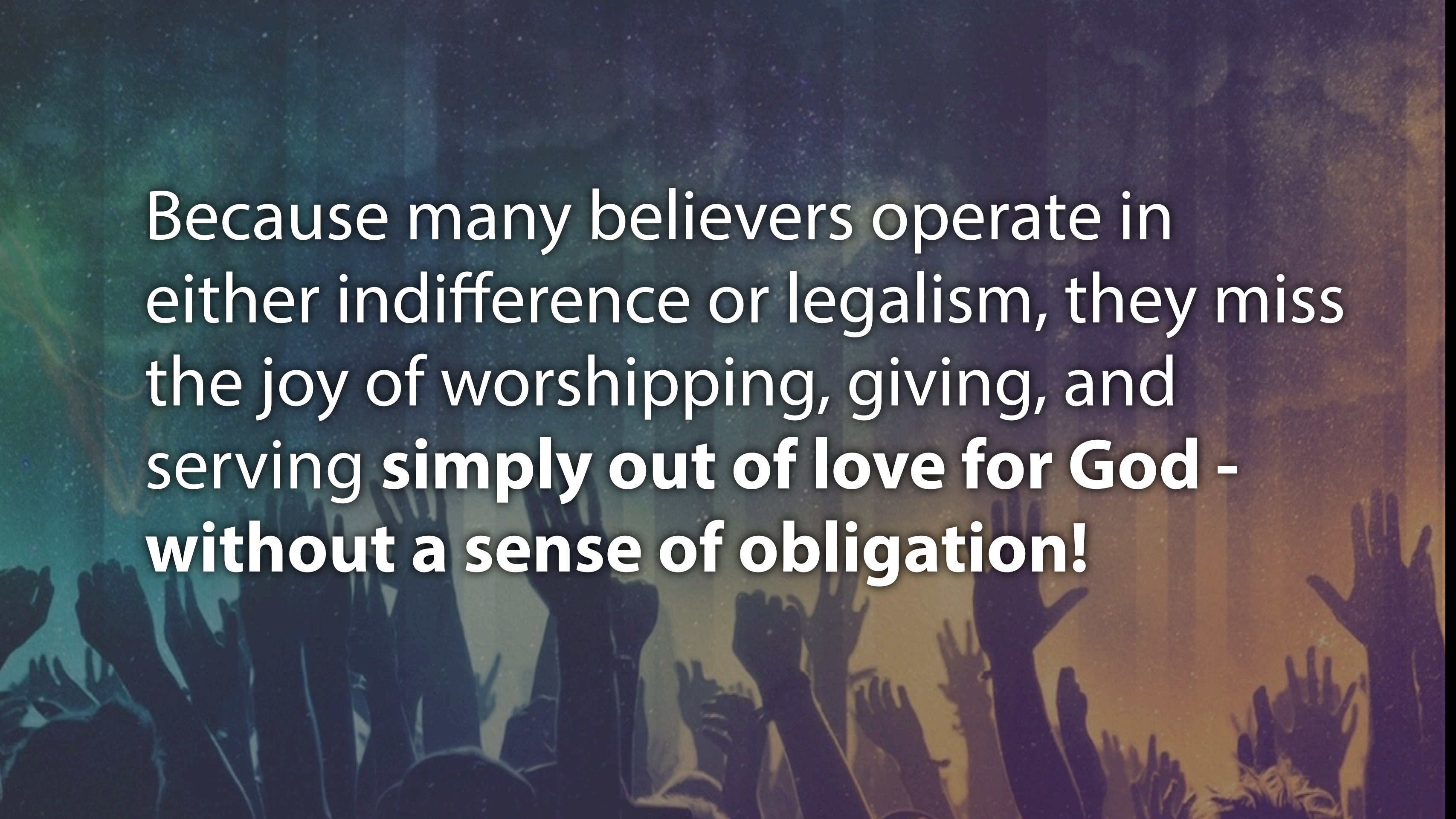


The background of the image shows a crowd of people with their hands raised in the air, set against a sunset sky with warm orange and yellow tones. The overall scene conveys a sense of collective worship or praise.

The **peace offering** was different because it was not connected to people offerings made for sins, rituals or dedication.

The **peace offering or thanksgiving offering** was spontaneous, from the heart, and could be done at any time.



The background of the image shows a church service in progress. In the foreground, the silhouettes of many people's hands are raised in prayer, reaching towards the top of the frame. The background is a dark, starry night sky with a gradient from deep blue on the left to a warm, golden-brown on the right. The overall atmosphere is one of spiritual devotion and collective worship.

Because many believers operate in either indifference or legalism, they miss the joy of worshipping, giving, and serving **simply out of love for God - without a sense of obligation!**



**Every offering should be a peace  
(thanksgiving) offering!**

**Hebrews 13:15**

*Therefore by Him let us continually offer the  
sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our  
lips, giving thanks to His name.*



# David understood peace offerings

## Psalm 27:5

*For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. 6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; **Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.***

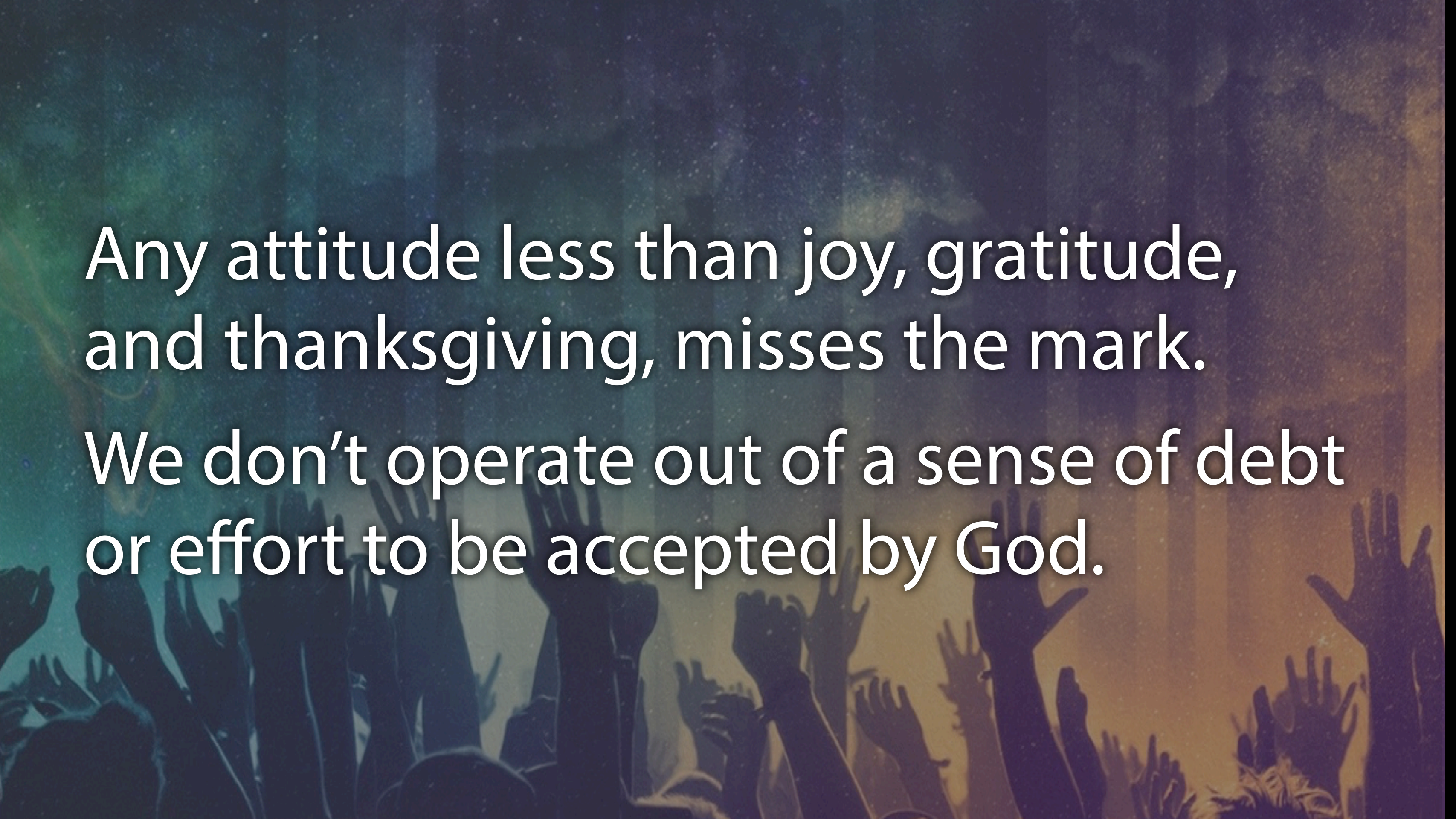


**Paul understood peace offerings:**

**2 Corinthians 9:7**

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*



The background of the image is a composite of two scenes. The upper portion shows a dark, starry night sky with a soft, ethereal glow. The lower portion shows a crowd of people from behind, with their hands raised in the air, suggesting a church service or a moment of collective praise. The overall color palette is a mix of deep blues, purples, and warm oranges.

Any attitude less than joy, gratitude,  
and thanksgiving, misses the mark.

We don't operate out of a sense of debt  
or effort to be accepted by God.



**We are already “accepted,” not trying to be accepted.**

**Ephesians 1:5, *having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.***



# Three Types of Peace (Thanksgiving) Offerings

1. **For thanksgiving** as a commitment completion, and as a free expression of the worshiper's goodwill

2. **Freewill offerings** given in response to God's unexpected or unsought generosity.

3. The peace offering was **the only sacrifice** worshipers could eat.



**Being at peace with God is a special occasion** indeed and worthy of celebration with a great feast.

Part of the sacrifice was consumed on the altar, the priest who offering it up received a part of it, and the person who offered it received a part.



Jesus both our sacrificial lamb for salvation and is our people offering.

**JESUS IS OUR PEACE in every area of life.**

**Ephesians 2:14 (NLT),** *For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.*



**Thanksgiving comes from peace and peace leads to thanksgiving.**

When we are not thankful—I mean actually saying “Thank You” to God and to people in our lives – we develop a callousness and indifference. There is an attitude and behavior of ingratitude and disrespect. There is a feeling of toleration and not celebration of others.



The background of the image is a dark, starry night sky with a gradient from deep blue on the left to dark purple on the right. In the lower half, there are silhouettes of many hands raised in the air, suggesting a crowd at a concert or a religious gathering. The text is overlaid on this background.

Because of giving thanks  
we always experience:

**Coram Deo** – “In the presence of God”

Peace with God is a cause for perpetual joy.