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*And by that will, we have
been made holy through the
sacrifice of the body of
Jesus Christ once for all.*

Hebrews 10:10



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The Meaning of the Grain Offering

When anyone brings a grain offering to the Lord, their offering is to be of the finest flour. They are to pour olive oil on it, put incense on it and take it to Aaron's sons the priests. The priest shall take a handful of the flour and oil, together with all the incense, and burn this as a memorial portion on the altar, a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the Lord. The rest of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons; it is a most holy part of the food offerings presented to the Lord.

Leviticus 2:1–3

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Leviticus 2 describes this offering of fine flour mixed with oil and frankincense

A portion was burned as a “memorial offering” the rest was given to sustain the priests

This offering linked heaven’s provision to human labor the harvest meeting the altar

It was how Israel said,

“God, you are present in our daily bread.”



The Meaning of the Grain Offering

Every ingredient was common to households but at the same time had a message for those sacrificing

Fine flour: The product of patient labor; the daily grind offered to God

Oil: His Spirit at work within what we do

Frankincense: Prayer, rising with gratitude

Salt: Both a seasoning and a preservative the lasting covenant that keeps us in fellowship with Him

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The Meaning of the Grain Offering

There was no blood here, no atonement,
no death

This bread was to be made without yeast

Yeast, throughout Scripture, often
symbolizes corruption or sin

***Therefore, let us keep the Festival, not
with the old bread leavened with malice
and wickedness, but with the unleavened
bread of sincerity and truth.***

1 Corinthians 5:8

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This offering wasn't about forgiveness, it was about fellowship

It was for those already walking with God and wanting to keep walking close

God allowed for variety and options for how the grain offering could be prepared. It could be baked in an oven, cooked on a griddle, or fried in a pan

It's not about uniformity; it's about sincerity

It's not about performance; it's about pursuit



The Meaning of the Grain Offering

Every method began with the same thing:
the finest flour

Gratitude may take many forms, but it
always starts with our best not the leftovers

Not what's convenient, it took preparation
by following God's instructions

Whatever the method, the principle is the
same: God is honored when what we offer is
the best we can give, shaped by sincerity,
obedience and sacrifice

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The Spiritual Message for God's People

While the Burnt Offering called us to pursue God through surrender the Grain Offering calls us to pursue God through gratitude

It reminds us that chasing after God isn't only about mountaintop moments or spiritual highs it's about finding Him in the grind, in the flour and oil of daily life

The Grain Offering says: **Don't stop seeking God once you've surrendered. Keep seeking Him in how you live**

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The Spiritual Message for God's People

It's easy to start the journey of faith with great passion. It's harder to keep pursuing God when life feels routine

But the Grain Offering teaches us that the pursuit of God continues in the ordinary, not apart from it, and in so doing we come face to face with Jesus



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The Gospel Connection

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Just as the grain was crushed **John 6:35**
and offered on the altar, Jesus was broken
and offered for us

The cross became the ultimate altar, where
the Burnt Offering and the Grain Offering
both found their fulfillment

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To follow Jesus is to live like a loaf laid on the altar; broken, offered, shared, and given back to God

So how do we live this out?

How do we keep the pursuit alive in the rhythm of daily life?



Living the Sacrifice

Spoken Thankfulness

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you

1 Thessalonians 5:18

In Stewardship

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters

Colossians 3:23

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Living the Sacrifice

In Service

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13

In Communion:

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

John 6:51

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Living the Sacrifice

It's a loaf on the altar that says,
“God, everything I have and
everything I do is a way
of seeking You.”



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Sacrificial Contrast

The altar of the Burnt Offering called us to surrender, which is where the pursuit of God begins

The altar of the Grain Offering calls us to gratitude; that's how the pursuit continues

One burns with fire, the other fills the air with fragrance

One says, "God, I am Yours."

The other says, "God, You are near."

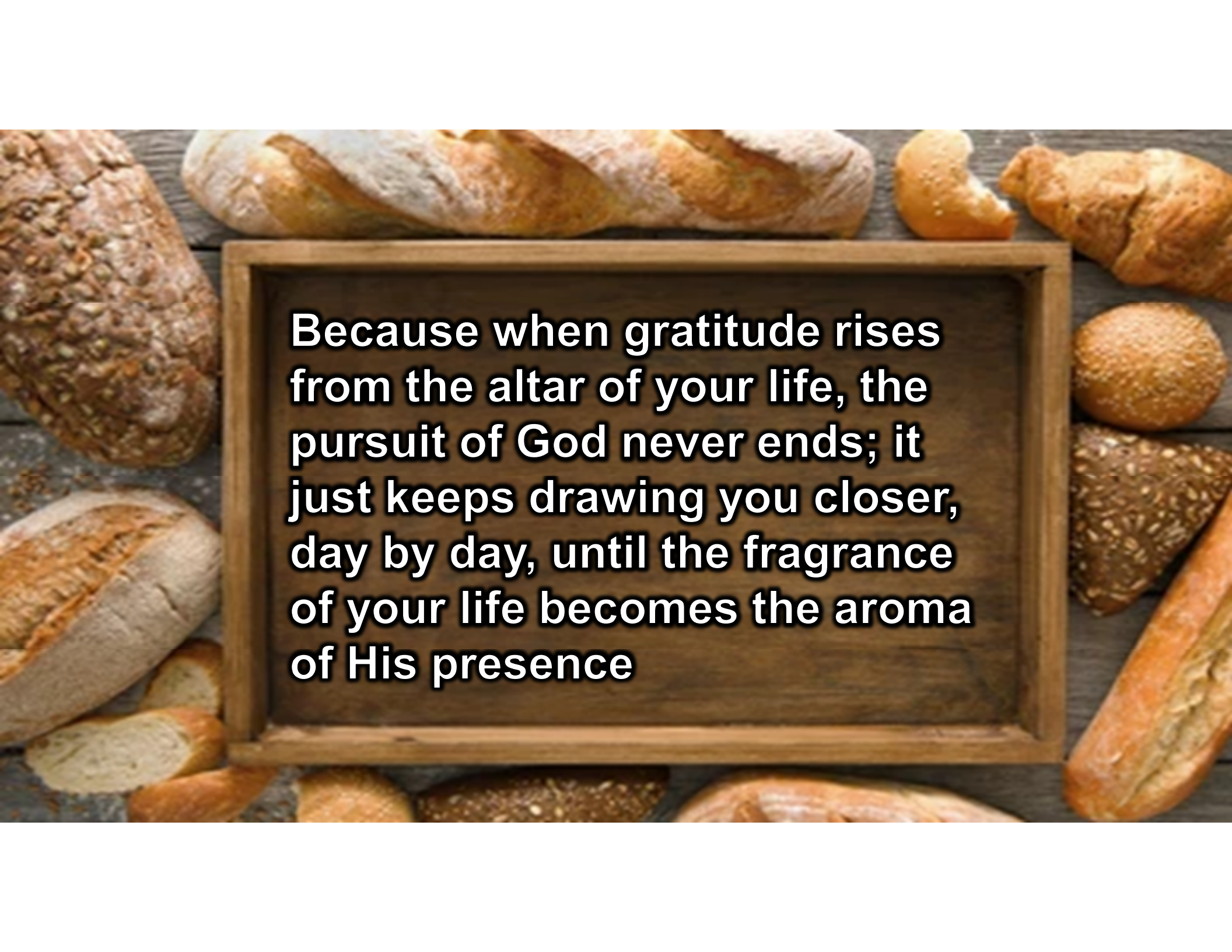
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Sacrificial Contrast

Together, they remind us that to pursue God is to live with open hands surrendered, thankful, and attentive to His presence in all things





**Because when gratitude rises
from the altar of your life, the
pursuit of God never ends; it
just keeps drawing you closer,
day by day, until the fragrance
of your life becomes the aroma
of His presence**