

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for November 17, 1991

“The Nuts and Bolts of Worship”
Romans 12: 1-2

Introduction: Matt. 7: 21-23, “Feeling” close but not really being close is tragic.
Considering what God has done for me and given to me what should my response be? “What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?”

Body:

1. What is the cost of the spiritual service of worship? To present your body a living and holy sacrifice.

Sacrifice -this is the sacrifice God is asking us to make. Our fleshly, our physical body, this is what God is talking about just as Christ offered up His body as a sacrifice.

A “living sacrifice”- giving self over to the Lord as long as you have breath. Choosing to live for Him.

A “holy sacrifice”- separated from sin; separated unto God. These are the requirements of the sacrifice that we are to present to God.

Being close, not “feeling,” close is the spiritual service of worship. Mal. 1: 6-9, corrupted sacrifices.

“Change” in our lives is how we will know if we are “worshiping” God. The world is characterized by it’s lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and pride. God has called us out from the world.

We are changing, moving forward, being transformed (Ps 119: 9-11). How we are being transformed? By the Word of God our mind is renewed. The transforming, the change is done by God through the renewing of the mind through the Word.

The result is approving God’s will as good, acceptable and perfect. We approve God’s will for our lives.