

## PERSONAL CONSECRATION

### INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: Romans 12:1,2. From Roy H. Enoch.
- B. Consecration: "to devote or dedicate to some purpose." "To set apart to deity" (Rom. 6:13,16).
- C. This is a personal requirement for every individual.
  - 1. Every person must hear God's word and do it (Jn. 6:44,45).
  - 2. Each one must bear his own burden (Gal. 6:5).
  - 3. Each must present his own body in service to God.
- D. We want to examine our obligation of consecration to God.
  - 1. We need to know that God requires consecration.
  - 2. God does have the right to demand that consecration.
  - 3. We receive many blessings from that consecration.

### I. GOD REQUIRES PERSONAL CONSECRATION.

- A. Love God with all your heart (Mt. 22:37; Col. 3:1,2).
  - 1. The only love God accepts that which is from the heart.
  - 2. We must enthrone God in our HEART [seat of emotions] (1Pet. 3:15).
- B. We must love God with all our SOUL (whole being).
  - 1. One's soul is worth more than the whole world (Mt. 16:26).
- C. Love God with all of our mind (Col. 3:2).
  - 1. We must remember God (Rom. 1:28).
  - 2. We must meditate about God's will day and night (Psa. 1:1,2).

### II. GOD HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT WE BE CONSECRATED TO HIM.

- A. He is our creator (Ac. 17:24).
- B. He gives us what we have (Ac. 17:25).
- C. He loves us supremely (Jn. 3:16; 1Jn. 4:10).
- D. He has prepared a place for us (Jn. 14:1-3).
- E. He provides a way of escape in temptation (1Cor. 10:13).

### III. WE RECEIVE MANY BLESSINGS FOR BEING CONSECRATED.

- A. We become like the things we adore.
  - 1. We are transformed into His image (Rom. 8:29; 12:2).
  - 2. We partake of divine nature (2Pet. 1:4).
- B. It helps us to try to do our best in love.
  - 1. We want to keep His commandments (Jn. 14:15; 15:14).
  - 2. We keep ourselves in the love of God (1Jn. 5:18).
- C. Our consecration or dedication keeps us from the world.
  - 1. We are warned to not love the world (1Jn. 2:17).
  - 2. It will help us to love life and to see good days (1Pet. 3:10-12).
- D. This consecration will keep our life centered on X.
  - 1. In our new life X will live in us (Gal. 2:20).
  - 2. To those who are consecrated, death is gain.
    - a. They are blessed in death (Rev. 14:13).
    - b. Heaven is their home (Rev. 22:14).

### CONCLUSION.

- A. The Xian life is a joy and blessings to those consecrated to X and His will.
- B. For those who are negligent, it is a life of guilt and condemnation.
- C. We can never be happy with ourselves until we approve of the way we are living.
- D. One can see the joy/happiness on the faces of those who are busy doing the Lord's work.
- E. If you do not have that contentment, come to the Lord today.