



# Set to Sacrifice



Genesis 35:1-3

# Put Away Foreign Gods

- **Remove everything that would compete with God for our affection and devotion**
  - *“Little children, guard yourselves from idols.”* – 1 John 5:21
  - *Idols* – any object that competes with God for our devotion
  - Our idols? things, stuff, others and **self**..
- **Foretaste of the 10 commandments**
  - *“You shall have no other gods before me”* – Ex. 20:3
- **God demands our full allegiance (Matt. 6:24)**
  - You cannot serve God and \_\_\_\_\_



# Purify Your Heart

- **Language used later to describe the purifications of the law**
  - Num. 19:11-13; Lev. 14:4; 15:13
- **Object of purification is the heart**
  - *“For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man.”* – Matt. 15:19-20
- **What are we filling our hearts with? (Phil. 4:8)**
- **Drawing near to God begins in the heart (Heb. 10:22)**



# Change Your Garments

- “... representative of moral and **spiritual purification** of the mind and heart...” – Pulpit Commentary
  - Subsequently at Sinai (Ex. 19:10-11)
- **We must be clothed in Christ** (Gal. 3:27)
- **He must become our “walking around clothes”** (Rom. 13:12-14)
  - *“Put on the armor of light”* (cf. Eph. 6:11)
  - What we “put on” everyday
  - What we wear in every situation and setting
  - *“put on the Lord Jesus Christ...”*



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- **God wants us to offer acceptable sacrifices to Him**
  - *“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.” (Rom. 12:1)*
- **Following Jacob’s guidance will get us Set to Sacrifice**
  - **Put Away Foreign Gods**
  - **Purify Your Heart**
  - **Change Your Garments**

**God will answer me in the day of my distress and  
will be with me wherever I go**



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