

Your Letters



A living sacrifice

The links that Brother Higginson draws between Romans 12 and Romans 6 in his article of the above title ([Nov. 2004, p. 425](#)) are further established when it is realised that the word “yield” (occurring five times in chapter 6) is a translation of the same Greek word translated “present” in 12:1. This would indicate that, when we rise to the challenge of truly *yielding* our members to the Father’s service, we are by definition *presenting* our bodies as “a living sacrifice”.

Interestingly, this word is used twice in Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus himself: in 1:19, “I am Gabriel, *that stand* in the presence of God”, and also in 2:22, when the infant Jesus is himself brought to Jerusalem “to *present* him to the Lord”. It is as if we are being told that the life of Jesus was “a living sacrifice” right from his birth. As Brother Higginson mentions, holiness is key to a life of self-sacrifice, and so, in the very next verse in Luke, the law is invoked to declare that Jesus was “holy to the Lord”.

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