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**The altar is not an all you can eat restaurant, on: 2016/3/22 13:21**

I give you rags, you give me wedding garments. I give you ashes, you give me beauty. I give you dry bones, you give me flesh. I give you sadness, you give me joy. I give you a spirit of heaviness, you give me a spirit of praise. I give you my failures, you give me a way ahead. I give you my temptations, you give me a way of escape. I give you my anxiety, you give me a peace that surpasses understanding. I give you lies, you give me truth. I give you my ambitions, you give me satisfaction. I give you past hurts, you give me reconciliation. I give you my wounds, you bind them up and they are healed. I give you my perversions, you give me purity. I give you my heart and my soul and all that is within me holding nothing back. It is painful and humiliating to come before your altar with only these things Lord. Brothers and sisters, the altar has always been a place of sacrifice, we have turned into an "all you can eat bar," where one simply chooses what one wants. God have mercy on us and restore a right spirit within us.....bro Frank

Isa 61:3 to appoint to those who mourn in Zion, to give to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the mantle of praise for the spirit of heaviness; so that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, that He might be glorified.

**Re: The altar is not an all you can eat restaurant - posted by manna house (), on: 2016/3/23 11:27**

Thank you for this brother. It is a fearful thing to die and painful but that is the only way that leads to life. I am encouraged by your posts.

**Re: , on: 2016/3/23 13:50**

Thank you Shawn, I appreciate the encouragement .....bro Frank

**Re: The altar is not an all you can eat restaurant, on: 2016/3/23 14:08**

I agree with this prayer. "Lord have mercy on us and restore a right spirit within us."

"Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners will turn back to you.  
Save me from blood guilt, O God,  
the God who saves me,  
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth will declare your praise.  
You do not delight in sacrifice,  
or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart,  
O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51

We must pray this as the body of Christ. Have mercy on us, Lord.  
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