**Consecration**

**July 10, 2016**

**Pastor Scott Shiroma**

Consecration: The setting apart of **people**, **things**, **times** or **places** as sacred, for God to use.

**Consecration is the requirement of a Holy God**

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, 13  and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. Romans 6:12-13 (NASB)

'You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. 8 'You shall keep My statutes and practice them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you. Leviticus 20:7-8 (NASB)

'For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.

 Leviticus 11:44 (NASB)

1. **We are commanded to consecrate ourselves.**

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. Romans 12:1 (NASB)

1. **We are commanded to consecrate things.**

"You shall also consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them shall be holy.

 Exodus 30:29 (NASB)

"With it you shall anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony, 27 and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense, 28 and the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the laver and its stand. Exodus 30:26-28 (NASB)

1. **We should consecrate time.**

Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur, And He will hear my voice.

 Psalm 55:17 (NASB)

In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there. Mark 1:35 (NASB)

After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone. Matthew 14:23 (NASB)

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)

Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

 Romans 1:1 (NASB)