

Title: BBQ - Joshua 8 30-35

Read:

³⁰⁻³² Then Joshua built an altar to the God of Israel on Mount Ebal. He built it following the instructions of Moses the servant of God to the People of Israel and written in the Book of The Revelation of Moses, an altar of whole stones that hadn't been chiselled or shaped by an iron tool. On it they offered to God Whole-Burnt-Offerings and sacrificed Peace-Offerings. He also wrote out a copy of The Revelation of Moses on the stones. He wrote it with the People of Israel looking on. ³³ All Israel was there, foreigners and citizens alike, with their elders, officers, and judges, standing on opposite sides of the Chest, facing the Levitical priests who carry God's Covenant Chest. Half of the people stood with their backs to Mount Gerizim and half with their backs to Mount Ebal to bless the People of Israel, just as Moses the servant of God had instructed earlier. ³⁴⁻³⁵ After that, he read out everything written in The Revelation, the Blessing and the Curse, everything in the Book of The Revelation. There wasn't a word of all that Moses commanded that Joshua didn't read to the entire congregation—men, women, children, and foreigners who had been with them on the journey.

Think:

Joshua built an altar to God and then told God how cool he was by giving sacrifices. I think we should all build an altar to our incredible God. Now there is a small problem with my suggestion. I'm not sure how those guys around you will act, when you start building an altar out of bricks and stones that you find lying around the place. And I am pretty sure they will flip their lid, when they see you start a fire and sling a sheep onto the burning coals. Either they will think you have lost the plot or that you have a sudden craving for a BBQ. Thankfully the guys at college don't have to see you as a nutter, with an unhealthy interest in outdoor cooking. When the Bible talks about Jesus being the Lamb of God, that's what it is talking about. Jesus was the final sacrifice to God, he was the ultimate sacrifice to our awesome God. No, when we build an altar to show our God how incredible he is, our altar, is the way we live our lives. Your sacrifice to your God, is the way you treat the nerd at school. Your sacrifice to your God is the way you befriend the elderly neighbour who can't get to the shops for themselves. Your sacrifice to your God is the way you live your life. That's the altar to your God.

Pray:

Lord I want my life to be a living sacrifice to you. Please accept what I do as my offering to you. Amen.

Action:

What's your sacrifice to your God going to be today? Decide and then just do it. Bye for now.