

Canon Mason says :—

“ The rendering ‘ Offer this ’ has against it the fact that it is of recent origin.”¹

Bishop Gore says :

“ On the whole, then, there is not sufficient evidence to entitle us to say that ‘ do ’ bears the sacrificial sense in the New Testament.”²

Westcott says :—

“ In the context in which the words occur I have not the least doubt that ‘ Do this ’ can only mean ‘ Do this act ’ (including the whole action of hands and lips), and not ‘ Sacrifice this.’ ”³

Dr. Darwell Stone (Principal of Pusey House, Oxford) admits that the writers of the Early Church and the compilers of the Liturgies understood the words to mean “ Perform this action.”⁴

DOES “ REMEMBRANCE ” MEAN “ MEMORIAL ” ?

1. The Greek words for “ remembrance ” and “ memorial ” are quite different and are never confused or identified.

“ A ‘ memorial ’ is something *exterior* to the person, which can generally be perceived by the senses ; whereas the word translated ‘ remembrance ’ is a *mental act*, performed in, or by, or upon the mind. A ‘ memorial ’ may produce a ‘ remembrance,’ but it is certainly *not* the mental effect or act itself.”⁵

2. The best Greek scholarship bears out this distinction and does not interpret “ in remembrance ” as “ for a memorial.”

“ There is not sufficient evidence to entitle us to say that ‘ do ’ bears the sacrificial sense in the New Testament. The matter stands similarly with ‘ remembrance.’ ”⁶

¹ Mason, *1st Th of the Gospel*. Second Edition, p. 328, note.

² Gore, *The Body of Christ*. First Edition, p. 315.

³ Westcott's *Life and Letters*. Vol. II., p. 353.

⁴ *History of the Doctrines of the Eucharist*, p. 9.

⁵ Soames, *The Priesthood of the New Covenant*, p. 28.

⁶ Gore, *The Body of Christ*, First Edition, p. 315.