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The Offering brought.Feeling *before* Faith.

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With God there is "no variableness, neither shadow of turning." His requirements cannot be varied or set aside, however sincere or devoted the inquirer. These individuals have, doubtless, again and again, brought their all to the altar, but, in so doing, they have not firmly believed that God would be true, and, at the moment they presented, accept the offering at their hands. They well know it to be the sacrifice that he requires: Rom. xii. 1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your *bodies* a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." And that they could not even have brought the offering without his assistance: John xv, 5, "For without me ye can do nothing." But they hesitate to believe, because they do not *feel* that he has accepted, *before* they have dared to venture upon the veracity of his word. He has required the sacrifice, and has positively affirmed that he *will* accept: 2 Cor. vi, 17, "Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I **WILL RECEIVE YOU.**" He has given the ability to bring it to the foot of the cross, and yet they *will* not *believe* that he *does* receive, merely because some state of *feeling*, which has been pictured to the mind, does not immediately follow.

The experience of many might be portrayed by