

Adam and Eve – The First Sacrifice

- Genesis 3:21 – “*And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.*”
 - God covers man’s guilt through substitute sacrifice

Abraham and Isaac – God will Provide an Offering

- Genesis 22:1-14 – “*After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”* ² *He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you... When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.* ¹⁰ *Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.* ¹¹ *But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”* ¹² *He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”* ¹³ *And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.* ¹⁴ *So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”*
 - God provides a substitute Sacrifice to die “instead of Isaac.”

The Passover Lamb – Saved by the Blood of the Lamb

- Exodus 12:11-13 – “*It is the LORD’s Passover.* ¹² *For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.* ¹³ *The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.”*
- 3 key developments in the theme of Sacrifice:
 - 1. Payment for Sin
 - 2. Deliverance from Enemies
 - 3. Returning to God’s Presence

The Day of Atonement – Sins are Removed

- Lev 16:7-10 “*Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting.* ⁸ *And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel.* ⁹ *And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the LORD and use it as a sin offering,* ¹⁰ *but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.”*
- Sin Offering: Lev 16:15-17 – “*Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat.* ¹⁶ *Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleanness.* ¹⁷ *No one may be in the tent of meeting from the time he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel.”*
- Scapegoat: Lev 16:20-22 “*And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat.* ²¹ *And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all*

their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. ²² The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.”

- 2 things are necessary to dwell in the presence of God:
 - 1. Sins paid for by Death – Goat Offering
 - 2. Sins removed and sent away – Scapegoat
- On the Day of Atonement God in his holiness provided a system whereby the sins of the people could be atoned for and he himself might remain among them without destroying them – Peter Adam

Insufficient Sacrifices

- Sins are paid for?
- Delivered from enemies?
- Dwelling with God?

Isaiah 53 – God’s Sufficient Sacrifice

- Isaiah 53 – *“Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”*

Jesus – The Lamb of God

- John 1:29 – *“The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”*
- Jesus is the true ram given for Isaac
- Jesus is the true Passover Lamb
 - 1 Corinthians 5:7 – *“Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”*
 - 1 Peter 1:18-19 – *“knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”*
- Jesus is the true Scapegoat on the ultimate Day of Atonement
- Jesus is the true Goat offered in the Holy of holies

- Hebrews 9:11-14 – *“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”*
- Jesus is the true sacrifice that allows us to re-enter the presence of God
 - Matthew 27:50-51 – *“And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.”*
 - Hebrews 10:19-23 – *“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”*
- Jesus was Sacrificed once and for all
 - *“And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”* – Hebrews 10:10-14
 - 1 Peter 2:24 – *“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”*

The Church – Jesus’ Blood bought Bride

- Our sins have been paid for
 - 1 John 1:7 - *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3 - *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures*
 - Romans 3:25 - *whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed*
 - Ephesians 1:7 - *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace*
 - Romans 5:9 - *Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.*
 - 1 Peter 1:19 - *knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.*
- We have been set free from our true enemies
 - Romans 6:6 – *“We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.”*
 - 1 Corinthians 15:55-56 – *“Death is swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*
- We can dwell joyfully with our God

- 1 Peter 3:18 - *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit*
- Hebrews 4:14-16 – *“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*
- Colossians 1:20 - *and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*
- *“Our sins have destroyed our relationship with God, but Christ’s shed blood purifies us from all sin and restores us to fellowship with God (1 John 1:6–7). We should never forget that the root of our reconciliation with God is his incredible love, expressed when he sent his Son to be our atoning sacrifice.” – Bill Mounce*
- Our Lives - Living Sacrifices
 - Romans 12:1-2 – *“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

Eternity – The Enthroned Slain Lamb

- Revelation 5 – *“Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it... ⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain... And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”*
- Revelation 22:1-5 – *“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.”*

Resources:

- *Atonement* by Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer (Editor)
- *In My Place He Stood* Condemned by J.I. Packer