

YAHWEH, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, IS WITH US!

**Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins ...
(Isaiah 58:1)**

Animal Sacrifices

Study Carefully & Study Prayerfully

Hebrews 7:27

Who needeth not daily, as those priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did **Once**, when he offered up himself.

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The Sacrifice of Yeshua (Jesus)

The story of Christ's death on Calvary is well known. Indeed the four Gospels tell it with inspired accuracy and effect. I will not attempt to explain the height, breadth and depth of such love - because words fail me. But I will point the reader to one chapter in the Bible which tells of that amazing sacrifice. It is Isaiah chapter 53. Join me as I highlight a few verses which tell of the Saviour's amazing sacrifice; of how he was despised and rejected, but still went ahead and purchased man's salvation with his own blood.

Isaiah 53: 5: *But he was wounded for **our** transgressions, He was bruised for **our** iniquities: The chastisement of **our** sins was upon him And with his stripes **we** are healed.*

6: *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

After so great a sacrifice, how ought the sinner to approach the Almighty? There is only one answer; and

that is: **with repentance, faith & gratitude.**

John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

verse 18 *"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the only begotten Son of God."*

John 1:29 *"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

Do you believe these verses? Do you believe that Yahweh gave His only begotten Son Yeshua to die in your place, and that he is the Lamb of God? If you do, then you are in line for **mercy, salvation and everlasting life.**

The Book of Hebrews

This book abounds with evidence that **Faith in Christ** has now replaced the need to sacrifice animals. I list a few texts from this book to show the difference between the sacrifice of Christ and that of animals.

- **Animal sacrifices could never take away sin**

Hebrews 10:11 *"And every (Aaronic) priest standeth daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, **which can never take away sins** ... But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God."*

- **Animal sacrifices cannot perfect the conscience or renew the inner man**

Hebrews 9:8 *"The Holy Ghost thus signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:*

*9: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that **could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;** "*

- **The Saviour's single sacrifice covers every sin**

Yeshua's sacrifice under the **Melchisedec Priesthood** superseded all the sacrifices of the Aaronic priesthood; which were given simply to illustrate the higher spiritual objectives the Messiah would achieve.

Hebrews 7:27 *"... He (Messiah) has no need like those other (Aaronic) High priests to offer sacrifices daily ... he did this **ONCE for all** when he offered up himself."*

Hebrews 9: 26: *For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now **ONCE in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.***

*27: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: **28: So Christ was ONCE offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.***

Hebrews 10: 14: *For by **ONE offering** he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

- **Christ's offering purifies heaven itself**

Hebrews 9: 23: *It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.*

- **Yahweh no longer wants animal sacrifices**

Hebrews 10:5 *Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, **but a body hast thou prepared me:***

Hebrews 10: 8: *Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldst not, **neither hadst pleasure therein;** which are offered by the law;*

- **Animal sacrifices are abolished**

Hebrews 10:9 *"Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.**"*

Yeshua's Blood

When the Scriptures tell of the '**Saviour's blood,**' they are telling of far more than of his **sacrificial death** on Calvary. The '**Saviour's blood**' when applied by faith has enormous power: to **redeem, cleanse, purify, unite, justify, subdue, sanctify** and even **purge the conscience.**

Yeshua's blood represents his life. It means far more than the sacrifice which took his life.

*Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: **for the blood is the life!***

(Deuteronomy 12:23)

As you read the following Bible texts, bear that vital truth in mind, that every reference to the **Saviour's blood** is in fact a reference to '**his life.**' Sure, Yeshua's sacrifice was the act of giving up his life. However, his '*sacrificial death*' doesn't cleans us. **It is the faithful application of his life-giving blood to our souls that cleanses us from sin.** In ancient days, it wasn't the animal's death that cleansed the sinner; it was the application or '*sprinkling of its blood*' upon the sinner that symbolically cleansed him. Do not miss the subtle difference; because some modern translations (Good News Bible) often omit the word **blood** by replacing it with the phrase *sacrificial death*; These are mistranslations of the [Real Word of God!](#)

- **Yeshua's blood redeems / purchases**

Acts 20:28 *"Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath **purchased** with His blood."*

Ephesians 1:7 *"In whom we have **redemption** through his blood ..."* (Col 1:14)

1 Peter 1:19 *"... **Redeemed** with the precious blood of Christ"*

- **The Saviour's blood washes and purifies the Unclean**

Prior to Calvary the process of cleansing from leprosy, menstruation, touching a corpse etc. all called for a **blood sacrifice** and washing. (Lev.14 & 15, Matt.8:4) The **spiritual realities** these

conditions symbolized (i.e. leprosy symbolized sin) are all cleansed by the blood of Christ. And though washing with soap and water is still necessary to keep physically clean, there is now no need for a **blood sacrifice**: because Christ's blood cleanses the believer from every spiritual impurity.

1 John 1:7 "... *The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us.*"

Revelation 1:5 "... *Washed us from our sins in his own blood.*"

Revelation 7:14 "... *Washed their garments in the blood of the Lamb.*"

Hebrews 9: 13: *For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:*

14: *How much more shall the **blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

- **Yeshua's blood justifies**

Romans 5:9 "*Much more then, being now **justified** by his blood ...*"

- **Yeshua's blood sanctifies**

Hebrews 13:12 "*Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood suffered without the gate.*"

This text pictures the **unclean person** or leper who was obliged to abide outside the camp because of uncleanness. Messiah's blood **sanctifies** (purifies and sets apart) the unclean believer and qualifies him/her to re-enter the camp and the Father's presence.

- **Yeshua's blood unites & brings peace**

Ephesians 2:13 "*But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are **made nigh** by the blood of Christ.*"

Colossians 1: 20: *And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*



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