

Books of the Bible – Old Testament

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Week 5 – Sacrificial System



O.T. Sacrificial System

- God established the sacrificial system to:
 - Be an act of worship
 - Maintain covenant
 - Repair broken covenant
 - Help people focus on Him
 - Show our dedication to Him
- Sacrifices were essentially animals given and burnt on the altar



Types of Sacrifices

- Mandatory Public:
 - Scheduled (daily, weekly, monthly)
 - Festivals
 - 1,273 sacrifices per year
- Dedications:
 - Temple
 - Priests
 - Kings



Types of Sacrifices

- Mandatory private:
 - Baby dedication
 - Any other dedication
- Guilt and sin sacrifices
 - “Payment” for our sins and offenses
 - “Sin” – acts against God
 - “Guilt” – acts against others
- Voluntary sacrifices
 - Draw closer to God
 - Show our devotion to God



Process of Making Sacrifice

- Bring an unblemished animal to the priest at the tabernacle (later temple) gate
- Place your hands on its head, and meditate on your sins, or purpose for making the sacrifice
- Priest kills animal and drains out the blood
- Blood is sprinkled on the altar
- Animal is burnt on the altar



Levels of Sacrifices

Sin Offering	Associated with one's sin	Restoration with God
Guilt Offering		Restoration with others
Burnt Offering	Voluntary	Desire to surrender to God
Grain Offering		One's walk with God
Peace Offering	Act of Worship	Communion with God



Payment for Your Sins

- Imagine if you had to pay a price for every sin you committed:
 - \$1 for every lie
 - \$5 for every time you had a bad thought about a brother or sister in the Lord
 - \$10 for every time you had greed, or covetousness
 - \$20 for every time you had a thought about a woman (or man) who isn't your spouse
 - \$50 for every time you don't testify to someone
 - \$50 for every time you don't pray for someone
 - \$100 for every time that you don't give thanks to God for something He has done for you
 - \$500 for every day that you don't study the Bible
 - \$500 for every day that you don't pray
- By the end of one day, you'd have to pay more than you make in a month

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And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor.

- Ephesians 5:2

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And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: ¹² But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Hebrews 10:11-12

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Offering	Jesus' Part	Believer
Sin	He became sin for us	We receive the sacrifice He made
Guilt	Took our sins	Confess and reconcile
Burnt Offering	Presented Himself to the Father	Present ourselves in submission to His Lordship
Grain	Walked in constant obedience to the Father	Obey His commandments
Peace	Had perfect communion with His Father	Maintain an intimate relationship with Him

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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.*

- Romans 12:1

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By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

- Hebrews 13:15

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And whatsoever ye do, do *it*
heartily, as to the Lord, and not
unto men;

- Colossians 3:23

