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To, The Seekers of Truth

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INTRODUCTION

The blood sacrifice is a mystery that has greatly mystified in this age because few understand the concept behind it. And what people fail to understand they tend to get scared and push away, considering it as a myth. But this practice is done daily by a lot of people, whether consciously or subconsciously.

Blood sacrifices were greatly practiced in the past mainly because people understood the power behind it. Once you get to understand the concept and power behind it you will understand why it is a crucial element behind people's actions and how it affects them even to date.

During my observation and study of history, the scriptures and current trends, I have come to realize that this sacrifice often dealt more with the person than with the God or gods people often think is being appeased in the process. You too should know why.

SIN OFFERING

A sacrifice is basically giving out something for another. For example, I could say that I have sacrificed my time and effort to write this book. If I had not put my energy into this book it would not have existed. If you understand this simple illustration, you have understood the concept of the blood sacrifice.

If we magnify this illustration I just wrote above then you get to see what a sacrifice really is. Here is my time and effort that were at my disposal, I could have done something else with them, but rather, I chose to siphon them into the production of this book. The time and energy got destroyed, but life was imparted into this book and brought it into existence.

If there would be a phrase that is synonymous to the term blood sacrifice, it would be 'sin offering'. With this analogy, we can clearly understand why Moses commanded the Israelites to offer blood sacrifices and their belief system behind it. The book of Leviticus 4

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records the procedures of a sin offering (or a blood sacrifice as I would refer it):

LEVITICUS 4:13-21 [GNT]

If it is the whole community of Israel that sins and becomes guilty of breaking one of the LORD's commands without intending to, then as soon as **the sin** becomes known, the community shall bring **a young bull as a sin offering**. They shall bring it to the Tent of the LORD's presence; the leaders of the community shall put their hands on its head, and it shall be killed there. The High Priest shall take some of the bull's blood into the Tent, dip his finger in it, and sprinkle it in front of the curtain seven times. He shall put some of the blood on the projections at the corners of the incense altar inside the Tent and pour out the rest of it at the base of the altar used for burning sacrifices, which is at the entrance of the Tent. Then he shall take all **its fat and burn it on the altar**. He shall do the same thing with this bull as he does with the bull for the sin offering, and in this way he shall make the sacrifice for the people's sin, and they will be forgiven. Then he shall take the bull outside the camp and **burn it**,

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just as he burns the bull offered for his own sin. This is an offering to take away the sin of the community.

In the sin offering there were two separate parts involved: the burning of the body and the sprinkling of blood. When a person sinned, the power of corruption and death grew in him/her [James 1:15]:

ROMANS 6:23 [KJV]

For the wages of sin is death;...

Now in order for the person to remove the power of death that grew in him/her, he/she had to perform a sin offering (or rather a blood sacrifice as I would refer it).

First the sinner placed his hands on a clean animal, in order to siphon his sin and corruption from himself and into the animal's body [Leviticus 4:15]. The sin would be transferred to the animal's body (**not** in its blood). The animal was then slaughtered and burnt.

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This brought judgment and destruction of the sin that had been transferred upon the animal's body.

With the blood that they had collected from the slaughtered animal they dealt with it differently. They sprinkled the blood upon the altar [Leviticus 4:16-18], at other times they sprinkled it upon the people [Exodus 24:8]. The blood carried the pure life of the animal and when the blood came upon the people, they would be endowed with the pure life inherent from the animal:

LEVITICUS 17:11 [NLT]

for the life of the body is in its blood. I have given you the blood on the altar to purify you, making you right with the LORD. It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible.

This is the reason why the blood sacrifice was daily carried out by the Jews; to transfer their sin, corruption and death to the animal's body, but siphon out the animal's pure life by its blood.

Because of this blood sacrifice, God would be satisfied at the destruction of evil on the body. They also

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became righteous by the blood of the animal and God would then bring blessing upon them.

Therefore the blood sacrifice brought forgiveness and the assurance of God's love upon them.

THE BLOOD OF JESUS

When Jesus came to the world, He came as a sin offering. When John the Baptist saw Him, He called Him the Lamb of God which was in so much synchrony with the animals that were being sacrificed:

JOHN 1:29[GNT]

The next day John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "There is *the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*

Jesus went through the same process as the animals sacrificed. God placed the sins of the whole world and in all eternity upon Him and inflicted judgment upon Him in order to bring the destruction of the sin:

ISAIAH 53: 10 [TLB]

But it was *the Lord's good plan to bruise him and fill him with grief*. However, when his soul has been made *an offering for sin*, then he shall have a multitude of children, many heirs. He shall live again, and God's program shall prosper in his hands.

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His crucifixion and when He descended to hell was the prophetic manifestation of the lamb's body being slaughtered, burnt and destroyed [Mathew 26, 27, Mathew12:40, John 2:19].

After He rose up from the dead, He ascended and placed His pure blood in the temple that is in heaven [John 20:17]:

HEBREWS 9:1 1-12 [AMP]

But [that appointed time came] *when Christ (the Messiah)* appeared as a High Priest of the better things that have come *and* are to come. [Then] through the greater and more perfect tabernacle *not made with [human] hands*, that is, *not a part of this material creation*, He went once for all into the [Holy of] Holies [of heaven], *not by virtue of the blood of goats and calves* [by which to make reconciliation between God and man], *but His own blood*, having found *and secured a complete redemption (an everlasting release for us)*.

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The temple represented man [Exodus 24:6-8, Hebrews 9:19-21]:

2 CORINTHIANS 6:16 [GNT]

... For we are the temple of the living God! As God himself has said, “I will make my home with my people and live among them; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

Therefore, when the blood came upon the temple in heaven it was a symbol of the blood coming upon mankind. The life of God was now transferred upon mankind. This is the everlasting, indestructible, supreme, royal blood that mankind inherited when Jesus was resurrected and went to heaven [Hebrews 9:11-15] :

1 PETER 1:2-4 [KJV]

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

When He shows us how to take the Holy Communion we do it with this revelation in mind; that all the sin in eternity was transferred from us and placed upon His body (the bread) and He alongside sin was destroyed [John 2:19], but in His blood (the wine) was the life of God that was imparted upon us [Mark 14:24]:

1 CORINTHIANS 11:24-25 [KJV]

And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying,

this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

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