

The Simple GOSPEL

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OF JESUS CHRIST

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THE PASSOVER LAMB WAS SACRIFICED

LAST MONTH WE READ WHERE JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED AT THE TIME OF THE PASSOVER FEAST, BECAUSE HE WAS THE ULTIMATE PASSOVER LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD.

THIS MONTH I WILL TAKE THE TIME TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THIS **PASSOVER LAMB SACRIFICE** THAT WAS REQUIRED TO COVER UNTIL CHRIST COULD FINALLY TAKE AWAY SIN.

FIRST OF ALL, WHEN ADAM AND EVE SINNED BY THEIR DISOBEDIENCE, GOD COVERED THEM WITH SKINS. WHERE DID HE GET THESE SKINS? IT IS BELIEVED THAT GOD SACRIFICED A SHEEP, TOOK THE SKIN AND COVERED THEIR SINFUL SHAME OF NAKEDNESS.

ABEL KNEW THAT GOD ORIGINALLY COVERED HIS FATHER AND MOTHER WITH SHEEP SKINS. SO WHEN IT CAME TIME TO OFFER A SACRIFICE TO GOD, HE FAITHFULLY OFFERED THE FIRST BORN OF HIS FLOCK, AND IT WAS ACCEPTED BY GOD.

CAIN BROUGHT THE FRUIT OF HIS OWN PRODUCE FROM THE CURSED GROUND, BUT IT WAS NOT ACCEPTED BEFORE THE HOLY CREATOR.

SINCE THE FALL OF ADAM INTO SIN, MANKIND'S WORKS OR RELIGION'S WOULD NOT **TAKE AWAY** HIS SINS.

SIN REQUIRED THE BLOOD OF A LAMB SACRIFICE AS AN ACCEPTABLE OFFERING TO GOD.

WE 'GO THE WAY OF CAIN', IF WE OFFER GOD OUR OWN 'GOOD' WORKS FOR OUR SALVATION FROM SIN. WE CAN'T SAVE OURSELVES. WE ARE NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SAVIOR BEFORE THE HOLY GOD.

LATER ON ABRAHAM'S SON ISAAC

ASKED HIS FATHER "WHERE IS THE LAMB FOR THE BURNT OFFERING?" GENESIS 22:7-8.

AND ABRAHAM SAID, MY SON, GOD WILL PROVIDE HIMSELF A LAMB FOR A BURNT OFFERING: AND SO THEY CONTINUED ON TO MT MORIAH AS GOD COMMANDED.

WHEN THEY GOT THERE, ABRAHAM BUILT AN ALTAR, BOUND ISAAC AS THE SACRIFICE, PLACED HIM ON THE WOOD, AND RAISED HIS KNIFE: BUT AN ANGEL STOPPED ABRAHAM, SAYING "LAY NOT THY HAND ON THE LAD, FOR NOW I KNOW THAT YOU FEAR GOD, SEEING YOU HAVE NOT WITHHELD YOUR ONLY SON FROM ME."

"AND ABRAHAM LIFTED UP HIS EYES AND SAW BEHIND HIM A RAM (A MALE SHEEP) CAUGHT IN A THICKET BY IT'S HORNS. SO ABRAHAM TOOK THE RAM AND OFFERED HIM UP AS A BURNT OFFERING, INSTEAD OF HIS SON.

(ABRAHAM'S FAITH WAS ACCEPTED BY GOD. AND ISAAC WAS SPARED FROM BEING SACRIFICED).

LATER, AS THE NATION OF ISRAEL IS PREPARING TO EXODUS FROM EGYPT: GOD COMMANDS MOSES THAT EACH FAMILY MUST SACRIFICE A YOUNG MALE LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH IN THE EVENING.

"AND THEY SHALL TAKE THE BLOOD AND SMEAR ON THE TWO SIDEPOSTS, AND ON THE UPPER DOOR POST OF THE

HOUSES WHERE THEY SHALL EAT THE LAMB"

"FOR I WILL PASS THROUGH THE LAND OF EGYPT THIS NIGHT, AND WILL SMITE...AND WHERE I SEE THE BLOOD ON THE DOOR POSTS, I WILL PASS OVER YOU...." EXODUS 12:3-14.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD OFFERED MALE LAMB SACRIFICES DOWN THROUGH THE AGES, AS SIN OFFERINGS.

THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB WOULD BE SPRINKLED ON THE MERCY SEAT ON THE ARK OF THE COVENANT.

"FOR WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO REMISSION OF SINS." —HEB 9:22.

WHEN THE HIGH PRIEST WENT INTO THE HOLY PLACE OF THE TEMPLE, ONCE A YEAR, HE HAD TO CARRY THE BLOOD TO OFFER FOR HIMSELF AND FOR THE SINS OF HIS PEOPLE.

JESUS CHRIST CAME AS THE ULTIMATE HOLY HIGH PRIEST AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK. HE WAS SACRIFICED AS THE UNBLEMISHED MALE LAMB OF GOD, WHO **TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD**.

UPON HIS DEATH, THE (60' H x 4" Thick), TEMPLE VEIL TO THE HOLIEST PLACE WAS TORN FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, SIGNIFYING THAT THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST HAD ENTERED THE PRESENCE OF GOD WITH HIS BLOOD, AND IT WAS ACCEPTED. NOW ALL MANKIND CAN COME BEFORE GOD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, THE FINAL LAMB SACRIFICE FOR SIN.