

A BETTER SACRIFICE

Hebrews 9:1-28; 10:1-4

- I. **REDEMPTION THROUGH BLOOD**—something has to die
- A. **The Significance of Blood** (Gen 9:4; Lev 17:11, 14)—life is in the blood
1. **First Sacrifice in Eden** (Gen 3:21)—to cover Adam and Eve’s shame
 2. **Abel’s Blood** (Gen 4:10)—cried out to God from the ground
 3. **Capital Punishment after Flood** (Gen 9:5-6)—reckoning for blood
 4. **Jewish Kosher Regulations** (Lev 17:10-14)—do not strangle the animal or drink its blood
 5. **Prohibition in the New Testament** (Acts 15:19-21, 28)—refrain from blood (citing Moses’ being taught everywhere).
- B. **The Necessity of Blood** ()—
1. **The Sealing of a Covenant** (9:16-21)—The illustration of penalty
 2. **The Execution of a Will** (9:15-17)—present the death certificate (show me the blood)
 3. **The Price of Redemption** (9:22)—The wages of sin is death
- II. **THE SYSTEM OF SACRIFICES** (9:6-10; 16-22)—“until the time of reformation”
- A. **Palliative** (6, 10)—alleviating symptoms without addressing root cause
1. **Regular Schedule** —continually recurring; continually dependent
 2. **As Needed**—for new injury or breakthrough pain
- B. **Inadequate**—cannot end sin or restore the damage
1. **Cannot Fix the Problem** ()—the *internal reality* remains the same;

- a. **The Way is Shut** (9:8)—only limited, provisional access to God
- b. **The Heart is Sinful** (9:9; Jer 17:9)—cannot perfect the conscience
2. **Only Cleans the Outside** (9:10; Mat 23:25-28; Mk 7:18-23; Rom 14:17)
3. **Insufficient Value** (10:4; Mic 6:6-8)—Animal blood not worth human soul

III. **THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE** (11-15, 23-28)—His own blood is better

- A. **The Cost of Our Sin** (Mat 26:39, 42)—real, terrible, registered in heaven
 1. **A debt we could not pay**—The cost of sin is our life.
 2. **There was no other way**—Jesus blood *the only* worthy sacrifice
- B. **The Worth of Christ's Blood** (Gen 22:8, 14; Rom 8:3; 1 Pet 1:18-19)—only the blood of God can atone for the sins of the entire human race
 1. **Suitable as Human** (2:11, 14, 17)—the debt had to be paid *in kind*
 2. **Qualified as Sinless** (4:15; 7:26-28; 9:14)—true righteousness, no sin
 3. **Capable as Divine** (1:3, 8; 9:28a; Isa 53:11-12)—to pay the debt of the human race
- C. **The Depth of Jesus' Love** (Jn 3:16 and 15:13)—The Greatest Love Story
 1. **He Committed.**
 2. **He Pursued.**
 3. **He Paid for Everything.**
 4. **He Gave Himself.**

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