

## *“The Ultimate Solution”*

### Portrait of Our Perfect High Priest

*Hebrews 10:1-18  
part 32*

#### INTRODUCTION

- our greatest problem...

#### *1. Many imperfect and impotent sacrifices*

- the Law a shadow...not the reality
  
- the volume of sacrifices didn't solve the problem

“These animal deaths were unwilling, even unconscious, sacrifices of a lower and quite different nature and therefore inadequate substitutes for humans made in the image of God. It is impossible, says the author, for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Isaiah had quoted God long before saying, ‘I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats’ (Isa. 1:11). Nevertheless, despite this limitation, through the deaths of many animals, one unchanging message was being pounded out. Every sacrifice declared it and every offering told the same story. It was burned in blood and smoke into every listening heart. The essential point for a God-approved dealing with sin in one’s life was that a life be laid down. Every dying animal meant a life brought to an end. Sin was serious; it forfeited life. Unless the sin could actually be removed, the sinner must die. To save the sinner from such a fate, an equal and willing substitute must be found.”  
— Ray Stedman

*Emmanuel Bible Notes*

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#### *2. One perfect and powerful sacrifice*

- God demands sacrifices...yet finds no delight in them?

1 Sam. 15:22; Ps. 51:16-17; Amos 5:21-22

- the Old Covenant replaced by the New

- Jesus' completed work

Jer. 31:33-34; Ezk. 11:19-20; 36:26-27

#### CONCLUSION

- ☛ Have you been forgiven by God? How do you know?
  - only one reason why anyone can be forgiven...
  
  - only one way in order to be forgiven...