

The Altar and Its Atoning Blood **Leviticus 17:1-16**

Main Point:

Since the LORD makes atonement for your sin and is worthy of your worship, abhor idolatry and honor the blood of Jesus.

1. In Israel, all sacrifices were to be offered on the LORD's altar.

2. This is because the LORD alone is worthy of your worship.

3. This is because the LORD alone makes atonement for your sin.

4. Therefore, abhor idolatry and honor the sacrificial blood of Jesus.

John Currid "There is only one legitimate altar; sacrifice anywhere else is improper."

Kenneth Mathews "Where the sacrifice occurred was the measure of the legitimacy of the individual's worship ... If the person did not follow the ritual instruction, it was tantamount to denying the claims of God as the Savior of his people."

1 Corinthians 10:20-21 20 Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. (NKJV)

Exodus 22:20 20 "He who sacrifices to *any* god, except to the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed. (NKJV)

Kenneth Mathews "If the people ate the blood of sacrifice, it was a denial of the blood as God's gift for their atonement."

Romans 5:8-9 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 10:14 14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. (NKJV)

Hebrews 10:28-29 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? (NKJV)

John 6:53-54 53 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. (NKJV)