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John wrote, *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”* We can say that the revelation of CHRIST in the New Testament is the unlocking of all of the mysteries contained in the Old Testament. Those who fail to see JESUS CHRIST as the complete fulfillment of all that was written in the law given to Moses, miss the whole purpose of the giving of that law and still seek perfection by that which was never meant for that purpose. *“For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.”*

Countless barrels of blood were shed on the altar of the tabernacle and later the temple, but not one sin was ever cancelled thereby. *“For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.”* GOD has no regard to the offerings and ministrations of men, nor can any sacrifice made by sinners ever be acceptable in HIS sight. In fact we read that the law required that Aaron not only make sacrifice for his own sins but that he had to make an offering to cleanse the holy place and the altar itself. This was required by the law, in order, to demonstrate to men the utter impossibility of them being able to approach unto the True and Living GOD because of their uncleanness.

What sheer folly is it when some would declare that men can bring their faith to the LORD and HE will have respect unto it. All that comes from man is unclean, everything we touch and are, by nature, is unfit to enter into HIS presence. Yet many present what they call the “gospel” as a means whereby a man can make a deal with GOD by filling in the missing piece of the puzzle, which they define as “faith”. Saving faith is not that which men bring to the LORD but is rather that which the LORD in mercy is pleased to give to men according to HIS sovereign purpose. Faith is the manifestation of the SPIRIT’s work in those who believe.

The law made Aaron, and his sons after him, priests, but could never in any wise give them the right to enter into the presence of GOD. In fact the LORD forbade them to even enter the holy of holies except as they came with a sacrifice for their own sin. It is clear that the ONE who is our GREAT HIGH PRIEST did not spring from the tribe of Levi but was rather the LION of the tribe of JUDAH, of which no priestly office was ordained by the law. This demonstrates that by the deeds of the law no man can be justified. Yet that ONE who is appointed and ordained the GREAT HIGH PRIEST over the household of GOD is *“a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”* HE was not made a priest by the law but was rather ordained with an oath as the HIGH PRIEST of HIS people, having an unchangeable priesthood. *“For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.”*

Sin cannot be canceled by the blood of bulls and goats and any priest appointed by the Law, cannot minister in the LORD’s presence because of sin; which demonstrates the weakness of the law. That law was a schoolmaster to bring us to CHRIST who is consecrated forevermore and exactly suited to the needs of those for whom HE has entered in once into the Holy of holies with HIS own blood. HE is that one of whom Moses wrote, *“a fit man”*, who would take the scapegoat into the uninhabited wilderness. The LORD instructed Aaron to lay his hands upon the head of this scapegoat, thus “imputing” the sins of the children of Israel to the goat. By reason of this imputation the goat “became” their sin. This was done to illustrate the fact that ONE would come, as the great HIGH PRIEST of HIS people, and would by HIS own hand impute the sins of HIS elect bride to HIMSELF as their SIN-BEARER. Then this goat was to be taken into the uninhabited wilderness and abandoned there. Thus, we see illustrated the fact that JESUS CHRIST did indeed go outside the camp and into the pit of darkness as HE cried out *“My GOD, My GOD, why has thou forsaken me?”* It was needful that HE be banished from the very presence of GOD as that ONE upon whom the sins of HIS people were imputed in order to put away their sins forever as far as the east is from the west and be remembered no more. The *“fit man”* who led the goat into the wilderness also returned as proof that the deed was done. In like fashion this *“FIT MAN”* of whom we now speak has arisen from the dead and HE has triumphed over that sin which HE bore and sits now in royal state, ever living to make intercession for those who come unto GOD by HIM. Do you see HIM high and lifted up?

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