

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Lannie Key

Opening Prayer: Ralph Burleson

On the Table: Head - David Key
Servers - Greg Lowery
Billy Box
Josh Berryhill

Closing Prayer: Eddy Dickinson

Preparing the Lord's Supper Deborah Box

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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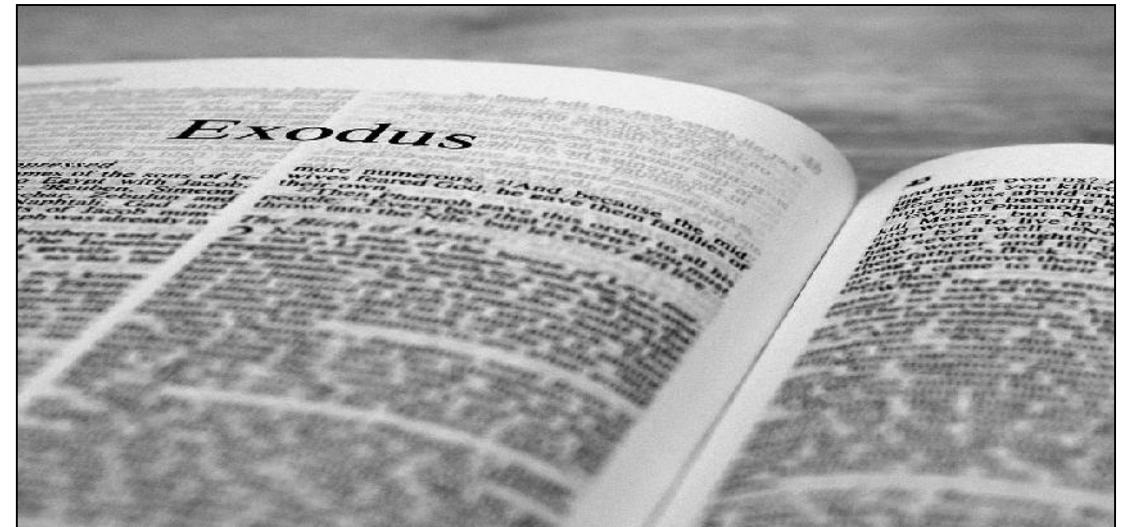
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The LORD'S Passover



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The Blood of Lambs or the Blood of THE LAMB?

By Dan Jenkins

A profound truth found throughout the Bible is stated so clearly in Hebrews 9:22. “And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no remission” These words follow the description of what happened at Mt. Sinai. “Moses took . . .the blood of calves and goats and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people . . . he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.”

Blood was part of the Passover doorposts (Exo. 12:21-23); the sanctification of Aaron and his sons for priestly service (Lev. 8:23-24, 30); the sanctification of the altar for burnt sacrifices (Lev. 8:19); the altar for incense (Lev. 4:7, 25); the book containing the words God spoke at Mt. Sinai tabernacle (Heb. 9:21) and all the people (Exo. 24:8). It is so important to notice the words of Moses, “This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you” (Heb. 9:20).

The Hebrew writer shows the significance of the events where Moses used the blood of animals. These Old Testament items were only a copy of the heavenly things in the New Testament (Heb. 10:1). They were purified with the blood of animals, but God had a greater sacrifice for the better covenant His son would reveal. These heavenly things themselves should be purified “with better sacrifices than these” (Heb. 9:23). They were so much better than animal sacrifices.

We must not overlook what Jesus said in the upper room. While Moses presented the words of God given at Mt. Sinai to the people and used the blood of animals, he said that the blood of animals was the blood of that old covenant. At the last supper Jesus spoke of blood and a new covenant. Taking the cup, He said, “This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matt. 26:28).

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Faye Cotton: is currently in UAB she is supposed to see the oncologist to see what is happening, please continue to pray that she continues her fight against cancer and that she will win

Denise Kimbrell: still taking treatments and has been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis; please be praying that with med’s all of this can be controlled

Kay Dodd: is continuing to take treatments, please continue to pray that this cancer will stay in remission

Barbara Wilkinson: is having problem with a hernia, please pray that the doctors will quickly fix this problem

Larry Metcalf: has been diagnosed with lung cancer; please pray that he can receive treatments that will defeat this cancer

Laraine Foss: please be praying that she has good days and good nights and keep Arlen in your prayers also while they are undergoing this very difficult trial

Carolyn Weatherly: is at home recovering from recent stroke, please keep her and Gary in your prayers

Alice Foster: was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Chad Henderson: this young man is battling cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that will help him in his fight with this terrible disease

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Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

Connie Autrey: diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that she can receive treatments that will help defeat this cancer

Upcoming Events

NO SERVICES at the Nursing Home today

January 21st Fellowship Meal

January 21st Bible Bowl 2:00 pm
{Tidwell Chapel}

- We will host Bible Bowl next month – Please help with bringing snacks

What significance does this have for us? There was that old covenant, the Ten Commandments (Deut. 4:13). These ten commandments were not given to Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac or Jacob (Deut. 5:2-3). These commands were sprinkled with the blood of animals (Exo. 24:4-7; Heb. 9:21). But God had something far better in mind. The Sabbath was given to Jews who had been slaves (Deut. 5:15). They were to rest on the seventh day just like God did. They were to remember that day by resting.

The new covenant remembers something far more important than slavery in Egypt, it remembers the death of Jesus on the first day of the week. To choose to remember deliverance from slavery is to choose the blood of the animals which purified that day, over the precious blood of Jesus!

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For Your Notes

He Is My Everything

By Allen Webster

What is there that could be written about Jesus that has not been written about Him? As we sing, "He is my everything!" When it comes to our atonement, He is our High Priest, our Sacrificial Lamb, and, even the Altar on which sacrifices are made.

Jesus, my High Priest, makes intercession to God for me (Heb. 7:25).

A priest is one who is duly authorized to minister in sacred things, particularly to offer sacrifices at the altar, and who acts as mediator between men and God (Exod. 28:29) (ISB). More specifically, a priest's job consisted in offering gifts and sacrifices (Heb. 5:1), making atonement (Lev. 16:1-34), inquiring of God (1 Sam. 23:9-12), leading in the selection and ordaining of religious and civil leaders (Num. 8:11-21; 1 Kings 1:34), blessing the people (Num. 6:22-27), and teaching the law (Neh. 8:1-8).

Jesus offered a sacrifice to God, made atonement for sinners, revealed God to men (John 14:7), selected the apostles who still serve as leaders in His church (Eph. 2:20), blessed mankind with an opportunity of salvation (Matt. 11:28-30), and taught men the Law of God (John 6:44-45).

There were two priesthoods in the Old Testament: Melchisedec's and Aaron's. Jesus is a Priest after the order of Melchisedec because he will never be replaced (Heb. 6:20).

Jesus is a compassionate High Priest. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). Because He is "on our side" we can come boldly to God's throne to find help in time of need (Heb. 4:16).

Just as a priest could marry only a virgin in Israel (Lev. 2:14), Jesus took a pure virgin unto Himself (the church) (Eph. 5:27; 2 Cor. 11:2). A priest could have no physical defects (Lev. 21:16-23), and Jesus had no spiritual defects (Heb. 4:15). He is the perfect High Priest.

Jesus, the Lamb of God, offered Himself as my sacrifice.

Jesus was predicted to be a "lamb dumb (silent) before his shearers" (Isa. 53:7), presented to Israel as the "Lamb of God" (John 1:29), preached to the world as the sacrificed Lamb (Acts 8:32-35), and will be praised throughout all eternity as the Lamb that was slain and lives again (Rev. 5:6, 13).

Words cannot express the agony that this Lamb suffered during the process of offering Himself to God. A Levitical lamb suffered, but only briefly and only physically. Jesus suffered for twenty-four or more hours. His worst suffering may have been the emotional anguish. He was separated from His Father for the first time (Mark 15:34). He reached the point where He prayed so earnestly that His sweat was a great drops of blood falling to the ground (Luke 22:44). He was mocked, beaten, slapped, humiliated, nailed, and suffocated (the normal cause for death by crucifixion). His body was pierced with a spear. He took my place as the Lamb to pay the price for my sins (Eph. 1:7). May we never tire of praising His name for the sacrifice He made for us.

Jesus, the Altar, is where mercy is received (Heb. 9:5).

The Old Testament ark of the covenant was covered with a mercy seat on which blood was sprinkled by the high priest on the great Day of Atonement. This effected reconciliation between God and His people.

The Old Testament term for "mercy seat" literally means "covering." Its New Testament counter part is "propitiation" (hilasterion, "to cover guilt," "to make atonement"). Jesus is said to be set forth as our "propitiation, through faith in his blood" (Rom. 3:25), that is, He is the covering for man's sins. The verb form is used twice in the New Testament--in Luke 18:13 where the publican says, "God be merciful to me a sinner" and in Hebrews 2:17 where Jesus is said "to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

Just as the high priest once a year took the blood of the sin offering and sprinkled it on the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies, so Christ as our great High Priest took His own blood to cover our sins.

Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift!

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