

Lifting Up His Sacrifice

Hebrews 10:11-14

11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. NKJV

- I. The origin of His sacrifice.
 - A. From the very beginning we see that sacrifice was a part of worship.
 - 1. In the garden when man sinned, God took an innocent animal and killed it to provide man a covering for his shame.
 - 2. The first murder was religious persecution because God accepted the bloody offering of Abel and would not accept the bloodless offering of Cain.
 - 3. Heb 9:22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.
 - B. The pagans stole that element of worship from God's people, not the other way around.
 - 1. Satan is the great imitator.
 - 2. He copies what God does but perverts it and ruins it.
 - C. But God knew from eternity that man would sin and that He would send His Son to die a sacrificial death for all those who would put their trust in Him.
 - 1. Re 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
 - 2. 1 Pet 1:8 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.
 - 3. "Whatsoever virtue was in the sacrifices, did operate through Messiah's death alone. As He was "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world," so all atonements ever made were only effectual by His blood" [BISHOP PEARSON, Exposition of the Creed]. JFB Commentary
- II. The design of His sacrifice.
 - A. "But this Man"
 - 1. He was the only one
 - 2. He was the only way
 - 3. He was the only sacrifice
 - 4. Being the perfect man He could die for man
 - B. "He had offered one sacrifice "
 - 1. Not like the priests of old who had to offer daily, monthly and yearly

- sacrifices that could never take away sin.
2. It was one sacrifice, never to be repeated.
 3. It never needed to be repeated.
 4. We can add nothing to it for if we did it would only ruin it.
 5. Our observance today of the supper is only a memorial and in no way continues His sacrifice.
 6. Read it again, "He offered one sacrifice" and that was that.
- C. "For sins"
1. He was the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.
 2. He was satisfaction to God for our offences.
 3. Our sins were laid on Him.
 4. He was bruised for our iniquities.
 5. The chastisement of our peace was laid upon Him.
 6. If He did not die for sins there was no need in Him dying.
- D. "Forever"
1. His sacrifice for sin came with an eternal guarantee.
 2. He is not going to have to ever make another payment on the account.
 3. It is paid in full.
 4. If feel so sorry for those who are going to heaven on the installment plan.
 - a. They think Jesus made a big down payment and it is up to us to keep up the premiums.
 - b. Well if their faith is in themselves keeping up the payments they are eternally lost.
 - c. For Jesus either paid it all for them or He hasn't paid it at all.
- E. "Sat down at the right hand of God"
1. The one piece of furniture the priests of the Old Testament did not have was a place to sit down for their work was never done.
 2. But Jesus is sit down, His sacrificial work is done.
 3. And He sits at the highest position, the right hand of God.
- F. "From that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool"
1. And one day the work of Christ will be made complete when God overcomes His enemies.
 2. And one day God will bring all the corrupt kingdoms of this world in to subjection, and they are all corrupt.
 3. And Christ will reign supreme over all and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord.
 4. And Why? Because 2,000 years ago He fulfilled the Father's will and laid down His life on a cross for you and for me.
- G. "For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified"
1. And by that one sacrifice He finished our salvation.
 2. And we are complete in Him.
 3. We have been made accepted in Him.
 4. We have been made the righteousness of God in Him.

5. We are redeemed in Him.
6. We have an atonement in Him.
7. Our sins have been blotted out in Him.
8. Though we were poor we have been made rich in Him.
9. Though we were weak, we have been made strong in Him.
10. Though we were alienated from the promises of God we have been brought near in Him.
11. Though we were filthy and unclean we have been made whiter than snow in Him.
12. Paul puts it this way in Eph 1: 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. 13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.