The Meaning Of Sacrifice

Tony Mauck · Hebrews 9:18–22

INTRODUCTION

- According to the law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.
- Animal sacrifice. I think it's difficult for us to appreciate that part of the old covenant.
- You present the blind for sacrifice. Is it not evil? And you present the lame and the sick. Is it not evil?

1 The Innocent for the Guilty

Isaiah 53:5–6; 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21

- Some innocent creation of God who has not deserved death pays with its life.
- The vicarious suffering of the Savior is what Isaiah 53 is all about.
- You see, Jesus had to be our sacrifice. It's innocent for the guilty.
- He who knew no sin became sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

2 The Necessity of Blood in Atonement

Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:11–14; Revelation 1:5

- Blood was necessary to amend our condition. It is for the satisfaction of God's requirements or God's justice.
- So the blood of Christ was necessary in our atonement. In the blood is life.
- How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.
- We are released from our sins by the blood of Christ.
- While we see water, when we're baptized into Christ, we should also by the eye of faith see blood.

3 The Awful Nature of Sin

Hebrews 10:1–4

- For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin.
- They did it generation after generation after generation, and guess what? Sin still wasn't fixed.
- But this is true of the little morsel of gossip. This is true of the little untruth, the little white lie.
- When sin entered the world, it was the simple partaking of a forbidden piece of fruit. And the rebellion in their heart that prompted it.
- That's why we should never, ever cheapen the commission of any sin in our lives.

4 The Cost of Redemption and the Necessity of Faith

Leviticus 22; Genesis 4; 1 Peter 1:18–19

- It had to be the first and the best. There is a high price tag involved in redemption.
- And even the first and best of their flock could not provide forgiveness for sin.
- God was blessing them. And I want to tell you, he was blessing them because they were the people of the promise.
- You don't worry about what's going to happen as a result. God's going to take care of it. You offer your first and best by faith.
- You were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood, as of a lamb, unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

5 Once for All

Galatians 5:3; Hebrews 7:25–27

- Happox in the Greek is a word that meant once for all.
- And that's used in relation to the death of Christ and the blood of Christ several times here in Hebrews 9 and 10.
- He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.
- Because this he did once for all when he offered up himself.

THE CHALLENGE

Don't cheapen the sacrifice. You'll cost yourself in the end.

MY NOTES