

The Sunday School Lesson

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The Perfect Sacrifice (Hebrews 10:1-14)

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I. Anticipated (Hebrews 10:1-4)

Under the old covenant, Israel had to make atonement for their sins every year. The sacrifices were a shadow of things to come. Those sacrifices could not provide the purging of sins from the people of Israel. The sacrifices portrayed a picture of the Supreme Sacrifice that was to come.

Those sacrifices could not purge their sins and make them clean, so they were reminded year after year of their sins. Animals offered as a sacrifice could not cleanse people of their sins because they were imperfect and had no cleansing power. It takes the shed blood of Jesus Christ to atone for man's sins. The righteousness of man is as filthy rags, therefore there is nothing good in any man that can make him righteous. Nothing but the blood of Jesus can make us fit for fellowship with God and right living.

II. Actualized (Hebrews 10:5-8)

God, not desiring sacrifices and offerings, prepared the Supreme Sacrifice, a body in which to reconcile lost man back to Him. To assure the identity of the Christ, He referred to scriptures in the Old Testament that pointed to His coming. Christ came to this world but more importantly, He came to do the will of the Father. Jesus gave His life because He loved us and wanted us to be saved.

Jesus knew that the offering of bulls and goats, and offerings would not satisfy God. Therefore, He came to do God's will so that the law could be replaced by the grace of God. While animals did not know why their blood was shed, Jesus understood and willingly submitted to the cross to take away the sins of the world.

Through Jesus giving His life on Calvary willingly, the will of God was provided through the new covenant. Because Jesus gave His life, those who believe are sanctified by His one and only sacrifice. There is no more need for any other sacrifice for our sins.

III. Applied (Hebrews 10:11-14)

The priest under the old covenant had to minister daily the sacrifices for sin, but those sacrifices could not take away sin. What many men tried to do daily through the priesthood daily, one man, Jesus Christ, accom-

plished all alone at Calvary. He completed the perfect sacrifice that was pleasing to Holy God for our sins. After completing the will of the Father, Jesus returned to his rightful place at the right hand of God. Patiently, Jesus is waiting and assuredly for sinners and all his demons to be put under. His foot never to bother the children of God any more.

Through Jesus Christ and the finished work on the cross, we who have believed have been set apart and made righteous.

It is understandable that John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, because He humbled Himself and suffered the shame of the cross for us without complaining.

Dear lost friend, I humbly beg you to accept Jesus now as your personal saviour. He paid the sin debt and completed salvation for all who will accept Him. The scripture in Acts 4:12 states that there is salvation in no other for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. There is one way to heaven and that is through Jesus Christ the perfect sacrifice for sin. Give your heart to Jesus now. Pray for us. God bless you all.

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ley snow cap each mountain
Snow shifting as the wind blows
In the distance an echo of foot steps, in the icy snow
An old man climbs to the ledge slowly
Pulling himself up
His breath shallow and heavy
He seats himself down away from the ledge
Resting against the hard cold rocks
His chest forcing air in and out
Leaning slowly across the ice
Tears flow down his face
The wind freezing his tears
With forced effort he manages to get to his knees
Raising his arms he cries out
"Great Spirit I come"
In the distance thunder rolls
The clouds darken
The thundering of hooves is heard
Clouds rolling forward
Changing, moving and shifting
Parting a bright light
A movement
In the light a figure is seen
Slowly with each step a crack of thunder is heard
Light floods the old man.
A voice echoes
"Come home! Great Warrior!"
Out of the light stands a white buffalo
The warrior stands
No longer old and tired
But young and healthy
A beautiful and young maiden
Steps beside the buffalo
"Come Home! My Husband!"
She climbs on the back of the white buffalo
And gives her hand to him
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Wrapping his arms around her
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