

The Better Sacrifice

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Pictures of the cross in the Old Testament:

3/31 – Abraham Called to Offer Isaac

4/7 – The Sign of Jonah the Prophet

4/14 – The Bronze Serpent Lifted up in the Wilderness

4/21 – (sunrise service) Christ as the True Manna

This morning we will examine that shadow of the cross that appeared most frequently through the course of Israel's history:

The Levitical System of Sacrificial Offerings.

The covenant relationship between God and the nation of Israel began with Abraham and would come to be defined by the law God gave to Moses.

God provided a system that would instruct His people Israel and help them live in a way that was honoring to Him. This system is described in detail in the Old Testament book of Leviticus.

1. The Levitical system provided a way for God to be _____ with His covenant people.

- God instructed Israel to build first the _____, then later the _____, so the people would understand that God's presence was among them.
- God ordained a process whereby the Israelites could approach God in His dwelling place and _____ Him.
- A structure was put into place for _____ to be given and thanksgiving to be expressed to God.

1 John 1:5-6 – ⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

2. The Levitical system needed to provide a way for the _____ of Israel to be overcome.

QUESTION: Do you have the same attitude towards sin that God does?

Why did the Levitical system require blood to 'atone' for sin?

(Hebrews 9:22)

The Old Covenant Sacrificial system served important purposes, but by its nature, it was _____. (Hebrews 8:6-8)

The faults of the Levitical System of Sacrificial Offerings:

1. **The sacrifices made in the tabernacle and temple did not _____ our sin once and for all.** (Hebrews 10:11-14)
2. **The _____ of the sacrifices themselves were insufficient.** (Hebrews 10:4)
3. **Ultimately, the one offering that could actually take away sin could never be the results of sinful man's _____.** (Hebrews 10:5-7)

Jesus Christ is the better sacrifice; He fulfills all the requirements of God's holy law on our behalf. The Old Covenant pointed directly to Jesus and the work He would do to redeem the lost and draw them near to Himself.