

WITH WHAT SHALL I
COME BEFORE
JEHOVAH?



MICAH 6:6-8

- We have sinned.
- We've confessed our sin to God.
- Now what?



- The story we've all heard about sacrifice to gods is that man thought that gods were associated with the volcanos, sea, mountains, air, thunder, etc.
- When the gods were angry, as evidenced by the explosion of the volcano, or the lightening striking, the gods needed to be appeased.



- How can man appease an angry god? Sacrifice. Give them something they need or want or is valuable.
- So mankind began to offer up animals, wheat, wine. Often these offerings did not appease the god(s), so the assumption was that “more” was needed.



- In 1 Kings 18, we get a glimpse of what the priests of Baal were willing to do to gain their god's attention.
- When the sacrifice itself was not enough,
 - They implored for Baal to answer them.
 - 26 And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no one answered.
 - And they limped around the altar that they had made



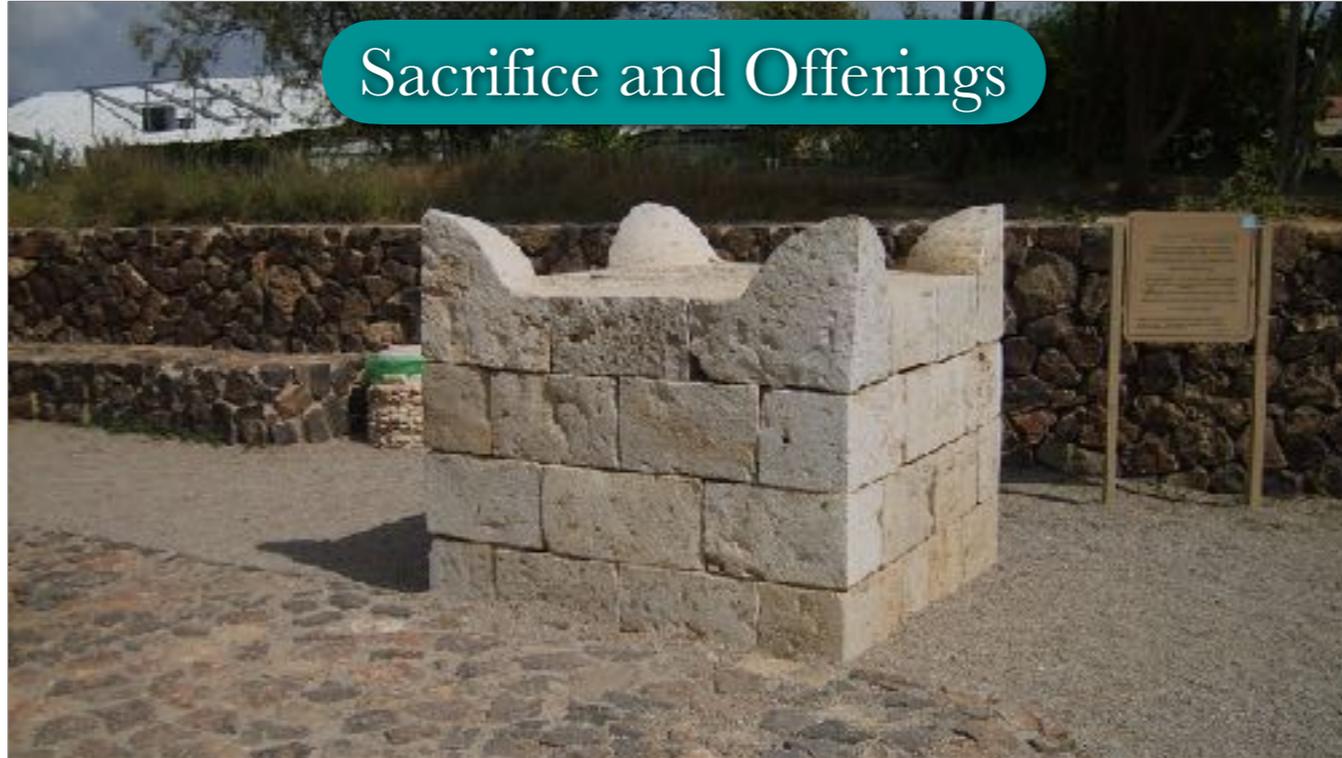
- they began crying out and cutting themselves until the blood gushed out (vs. 28).
 - 28 And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them.
 - 29 And as midday passed, they **raved** on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice.
 - No one answered; no one paid attention.



- But it went further: human sacrifice.
- And further: child sacrifice.
 - And the idea of the shedding of the blood of an innocent child horrifies us!

- Human sacrifice as shown in the [Codex Magliabechiano](#), Folio 70. Heart-extraction was viewed as a means of liberating the istli and reuniting it with the Sun: the victim's transformed heart flies Sun-ward on a trail of blood.
- Unknown - Extract of Codex Magliabechiano (cf. [FAMSI](#)) (Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc.)
- Aztec ritual human sacrifice portrayed in the [page 141](#) (folio 70r) of the Codex Magliabechiano..
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Sacrifice and Offerings

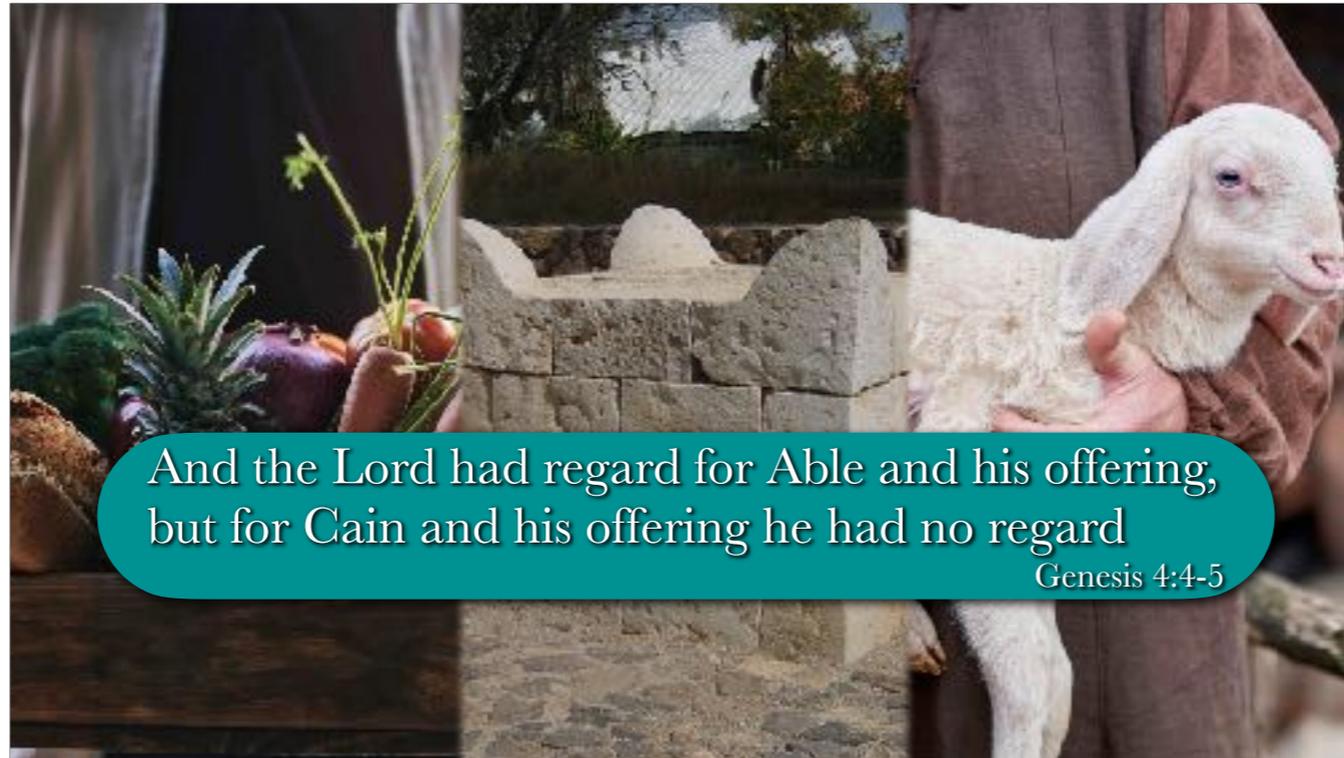


- Sacrifice and offerings are an important part of our Father's relationship with man.
- That concept of "appeasing an angry god" through sacrifice was a misunderstanding of God's intention.
- And may have been true for those deceived by Satan.
- It is an aberration that is perpetuated to this day



Genesis 4:3-4: In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,

regard (next slide)



And the Lord had regard for Able and his offering,
but for Cain and his offering he had no regard

Genesis 4:4-5

- Genesis 4:4-5 — And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard.
- regard = The basic idea of נָחַץ is "to look at with interest." It is never a casual or disinterested glance. This can be seen in the following expanded definitions. In Gen 4:4- 5, it means "to look at with approval," "to approve of." Thus God approved of Abel, but not of Cain. (TWOT)
- Note that the approval is for Able and his offering
- And the not for Cain and his offering.

If sacrifices are just about WHAT is offered, the WHO shouldn't matter.

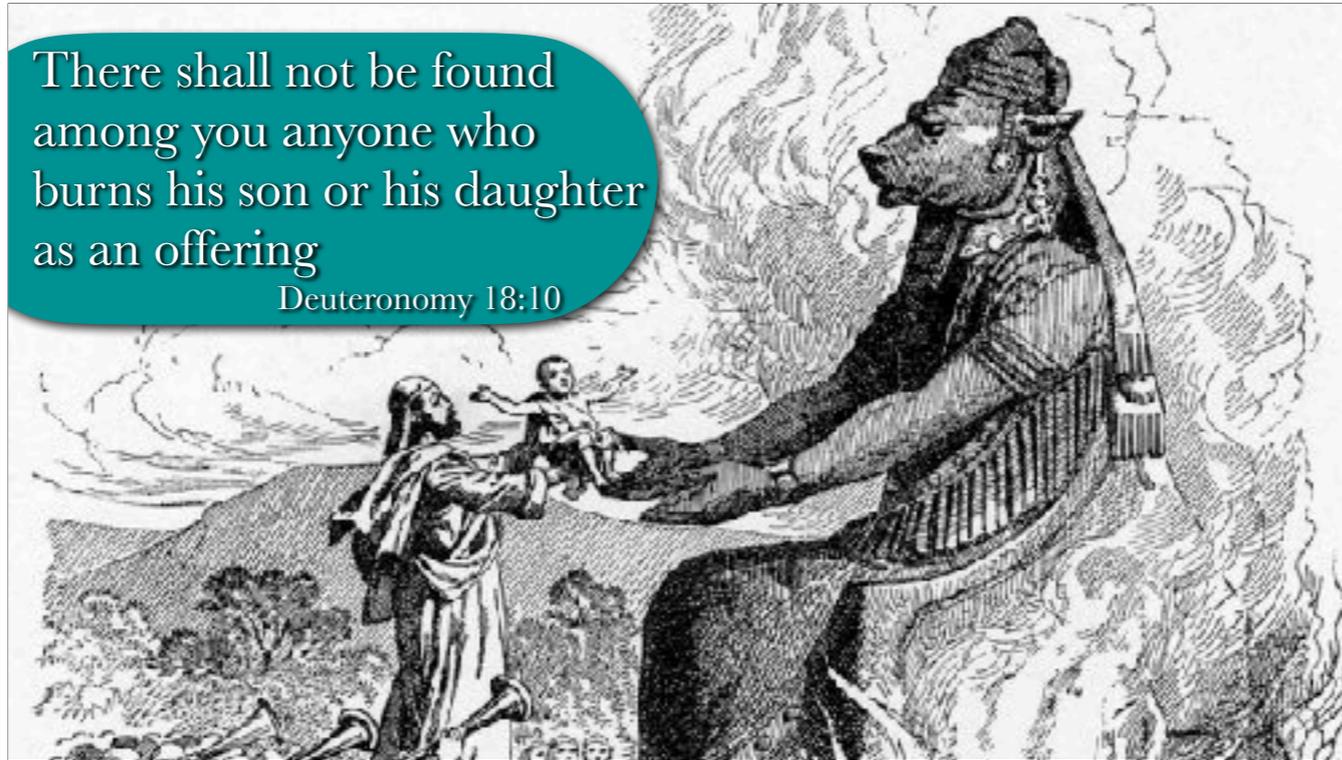
But sacrifices are a demonstration of the faith of the one who makes the offering.



- Lev. 16: Day of Atonement
 - Bull: sin offering
 - Ram: burnt offering
 - Two male goats: sin offering (one escapes)
 - One Ram: burnt offering
 - Sprinkling blood: mercy seat; altar

There shall not be found
among you anyone who
burns his son or his daughter
as an offering

Deuteronomy 18:10



- Deuteronomy 18:10: There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer



- Over time, the meaning and purpose of sacrifices was distorted.
- Sacrifices were offered because it was required.
- What is it that pleases our Father?
- What does he delight in?



- 1 Samuel 15.
- Saul told to utterly destroy the Amalekites, but he didn't.
- When confronted by Samuel...
 - He blames the people and claims that they have spared the best to be sacrifice to Jehovah (15, 21)



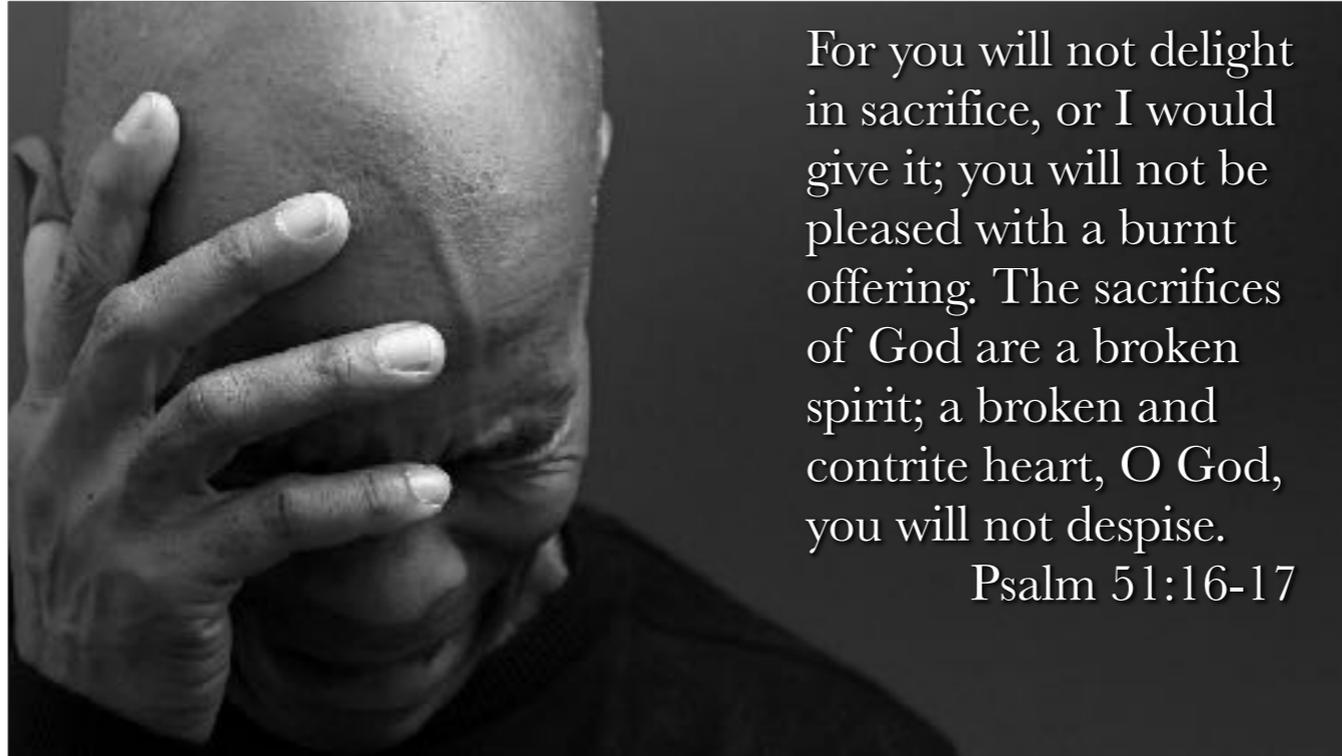
- 1 Samuel 15:22-23: And Samuel said, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. [23] For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king.”



- Great delight & Better
- Obeying the voice of Jehovah
- Obey
- Listen



- After David's sin with Bathsheba and murder of her husband, he is confronted by Nathan.
- 2 Samuel 12:13: David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die."
- Writes Ps. 51.



For you will not delight
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Psalm 51:16-17

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Delight! Pleased!

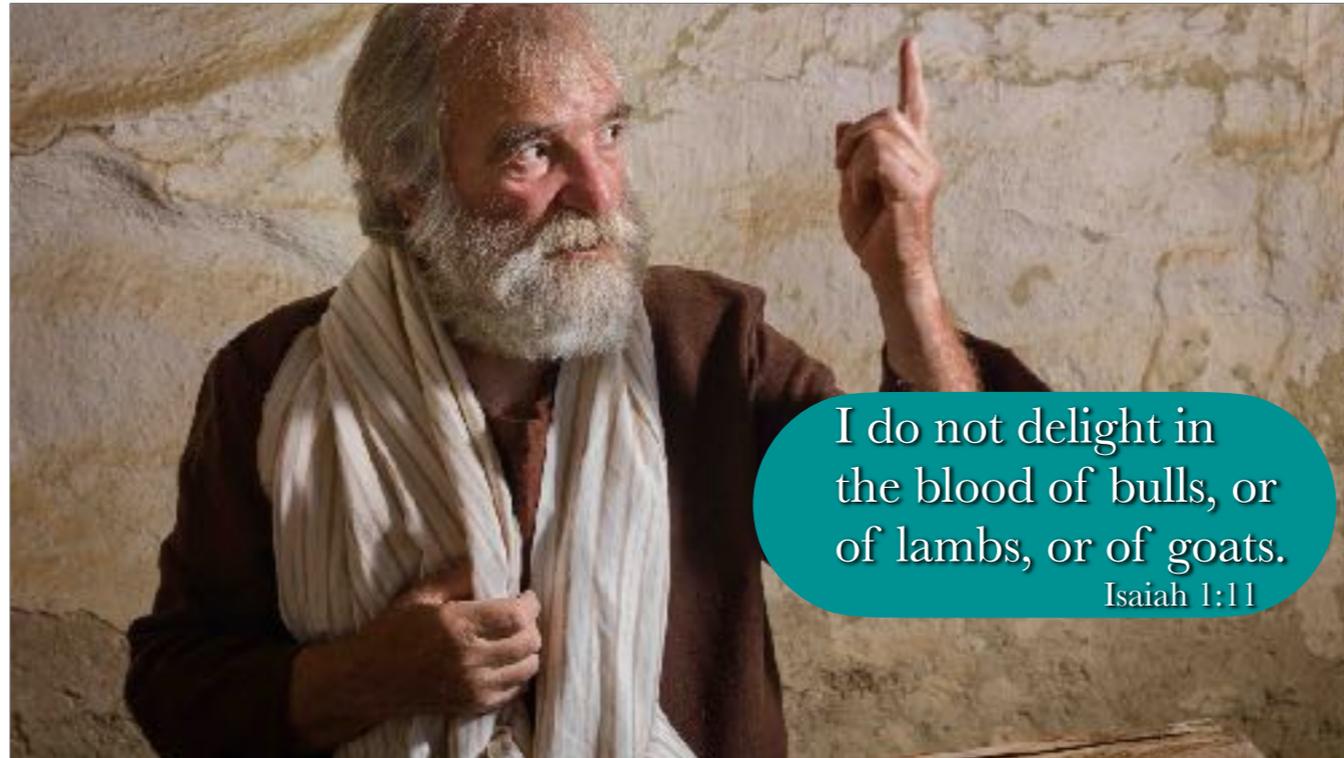
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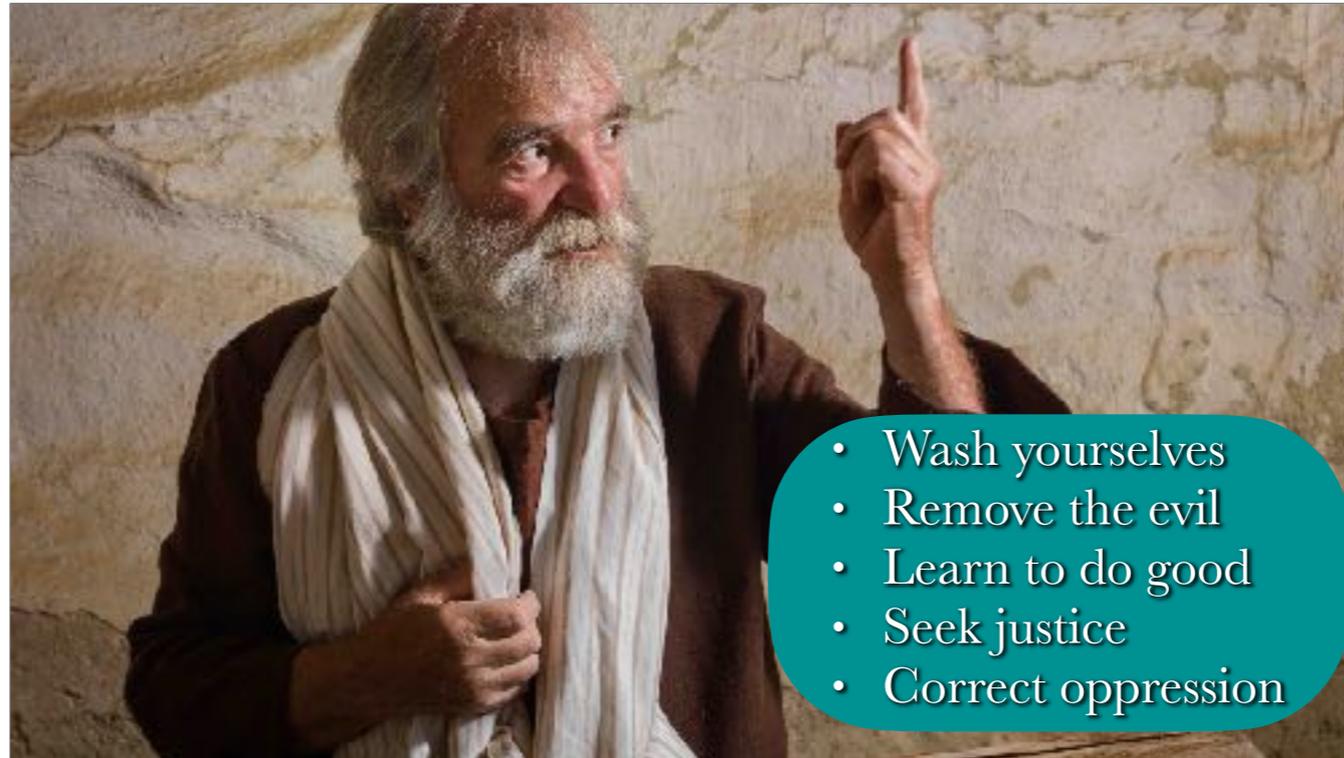
- Sacrifices of God: delight & please
- broken spirit
- broken and contrite heart



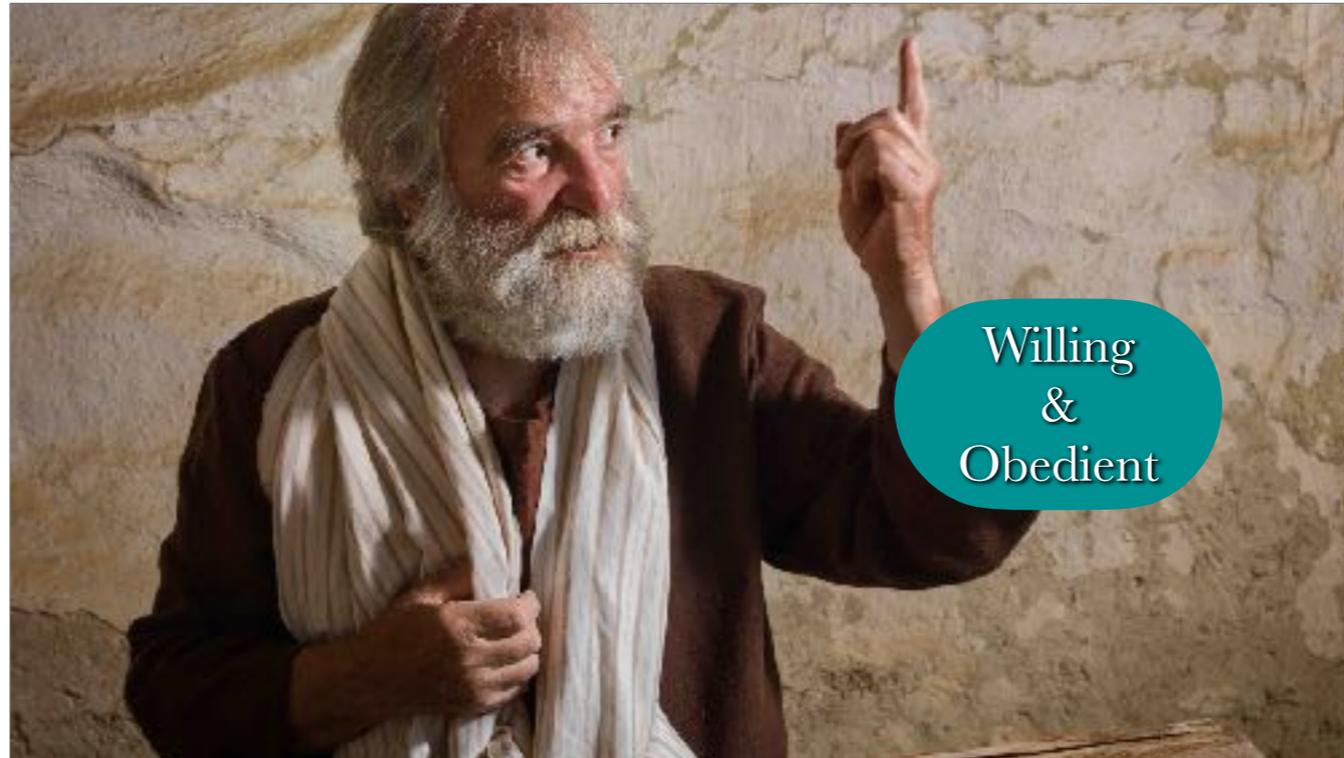
- Prophets, over and over.
- Isaiah starts his prophecy
- Isaiah 1



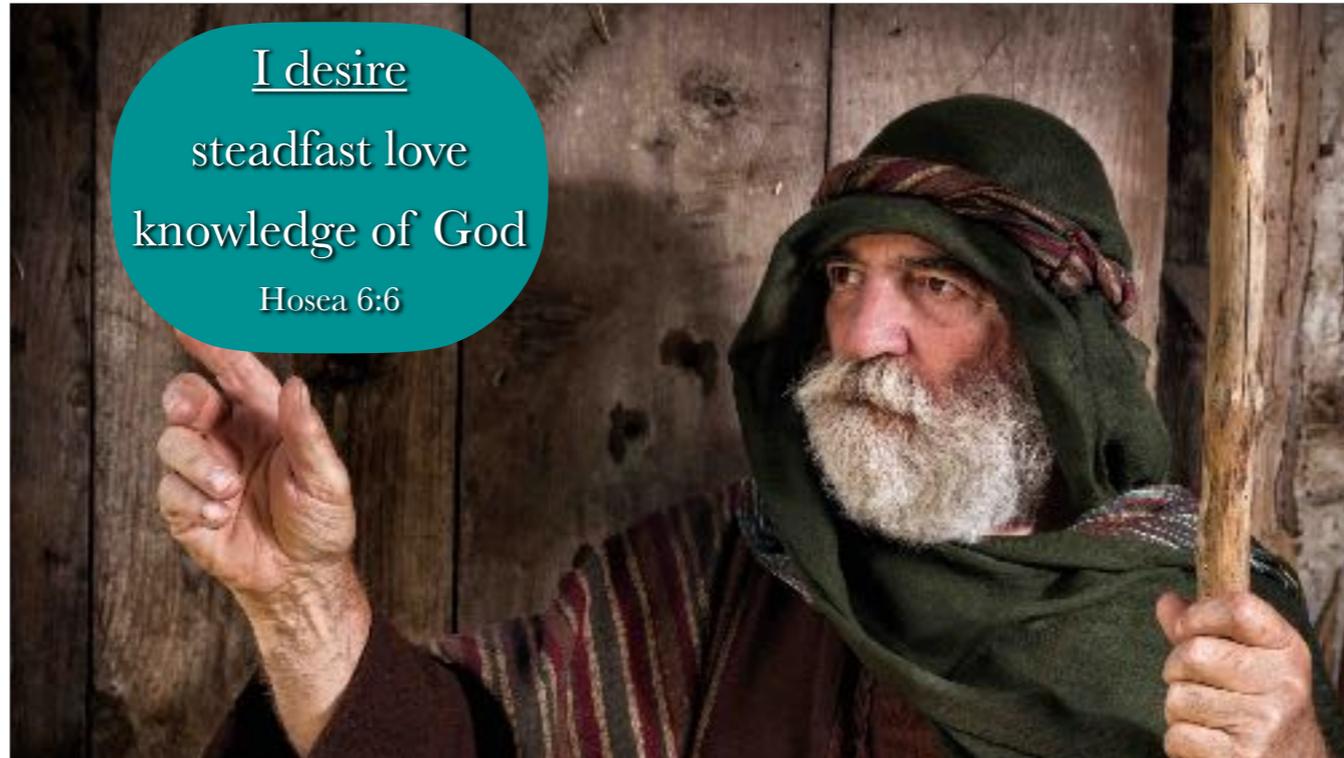
- Isaiah 1:11: “What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.



- Isaiah 1:16-17: Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.



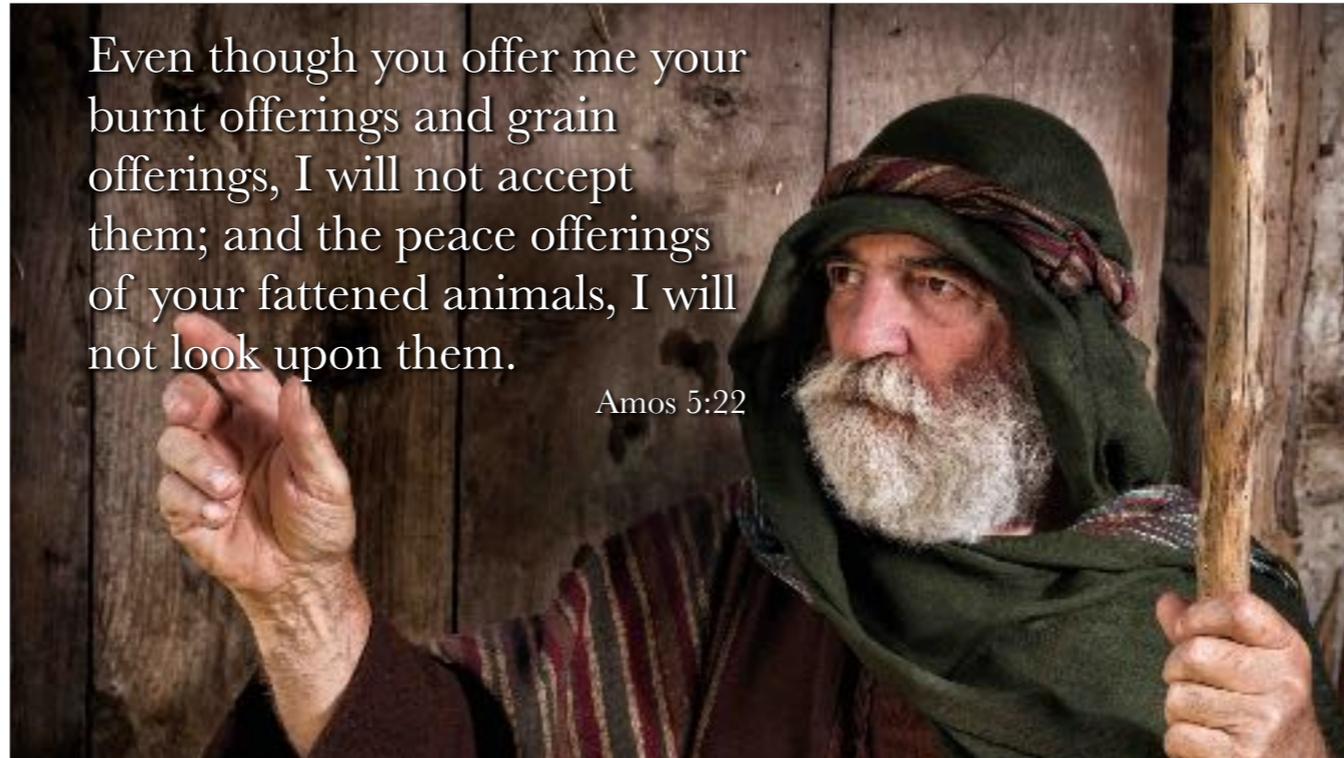
- Isaiah 1:19: If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;
- What pleases God?
 - Willing and obedient



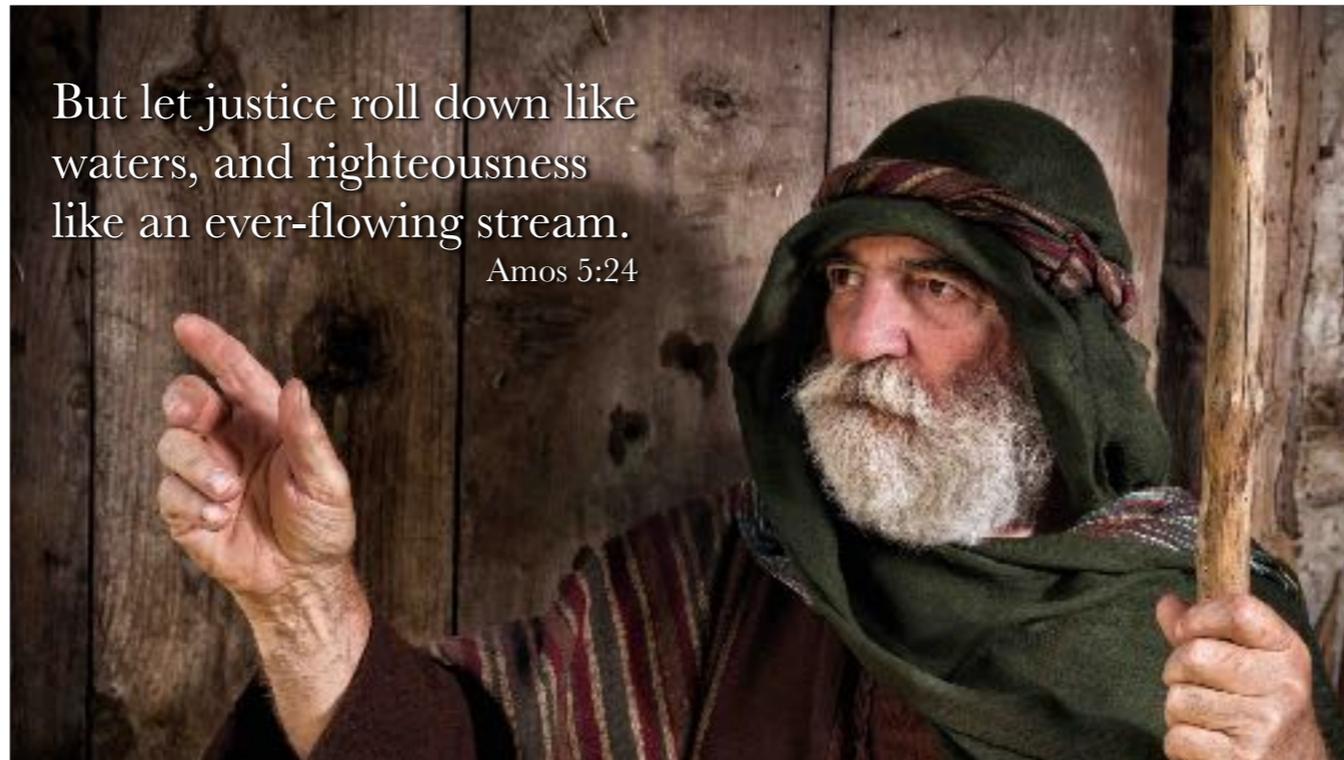
- Hosea 6:6: For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.
- What does God desire:
 - steadfast love
 - knowledge of God

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.

Amos 5:22



- Amos 5:21-24
- Amos 5:22: Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.



- Amos 5:24: But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.



- What does God accept?
- Justice
- Righteousness

With what shall I come before Jehovah, and
bow myself before God on high?

Micah 6:6



- Micah 6:6-8:
- 6) With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

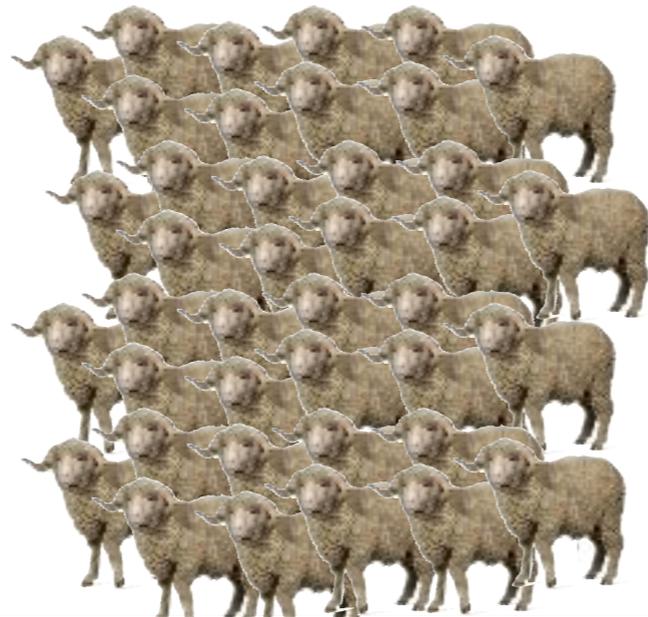
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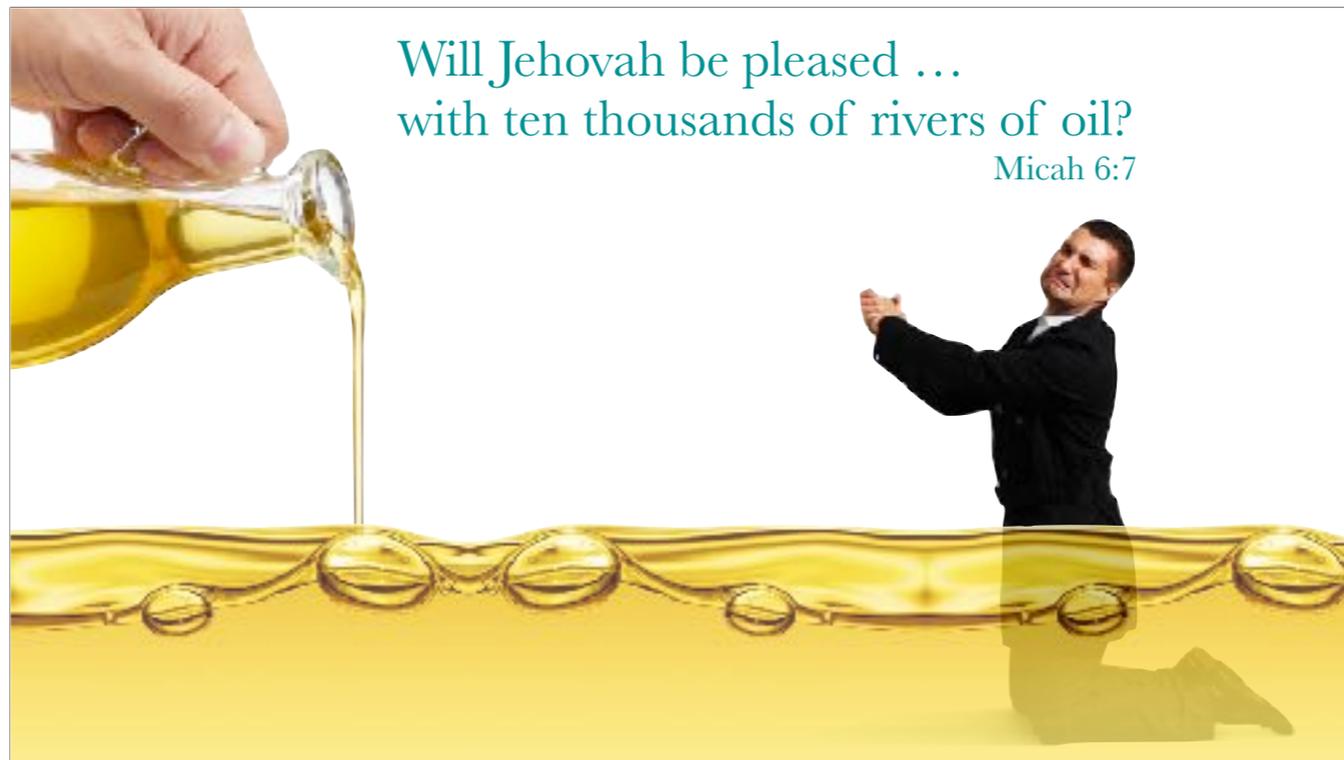
- Micah 6:6: Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
- Conforms to old covenant... but misunderstands sacrifice!
- Rhetorical question: answer is NO!

Will Jehovah be pleased with thousands of rams,

Micah 6:7



- Micah 6:7: Will Jehovah be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?



- Micah 6:7: Will Jehovah be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
- Extravagant, expensive
- How much will it cost me?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

Micah 6:7



- Micah 6:7: Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
- Here is the heart of it: sin of my soul!
- What can I give to God to appease His wrath for MY sin?
- My firstborn, my most precious thing.
- What will it take to please God?

He has told you, O man,
what is good; and what does
Jehovah require of you but
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kindness, and to walk
humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

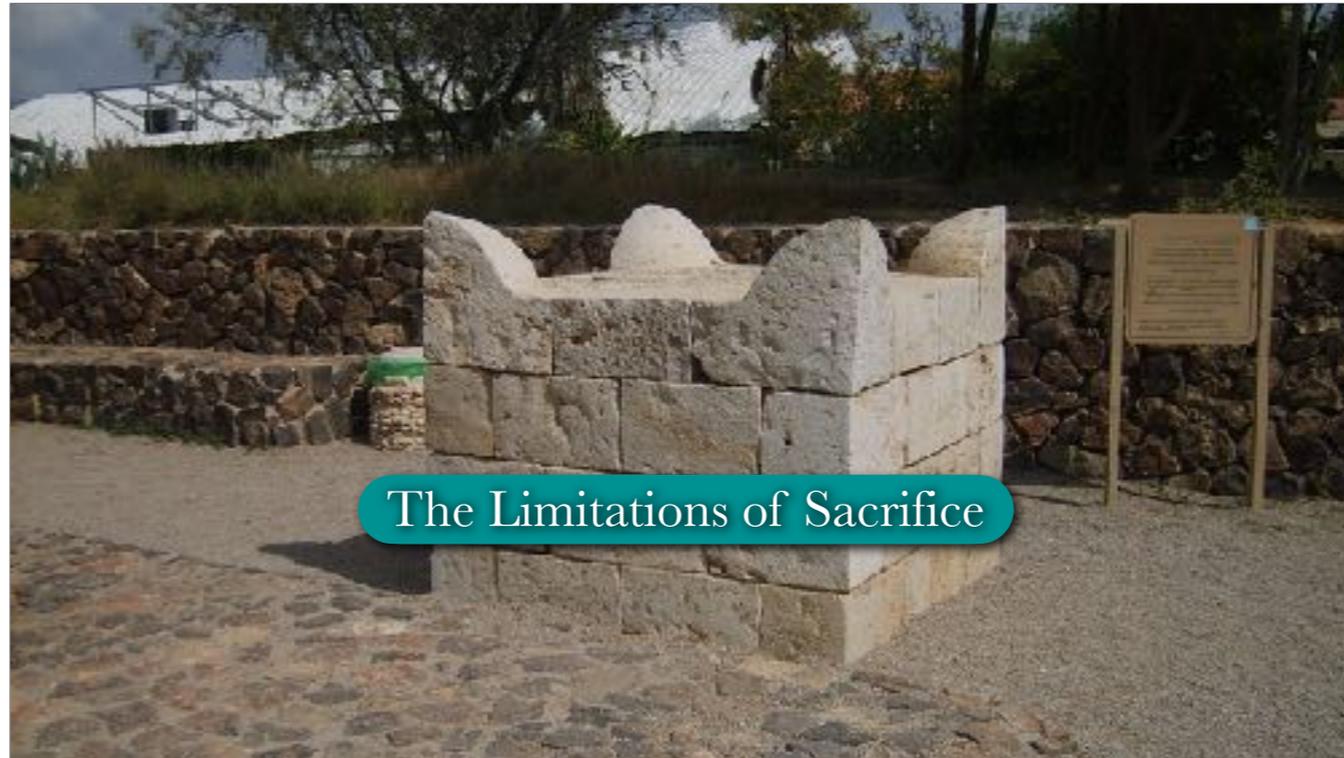


- Micah 6:8: He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does Jehovah require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
- We don't have to guess!

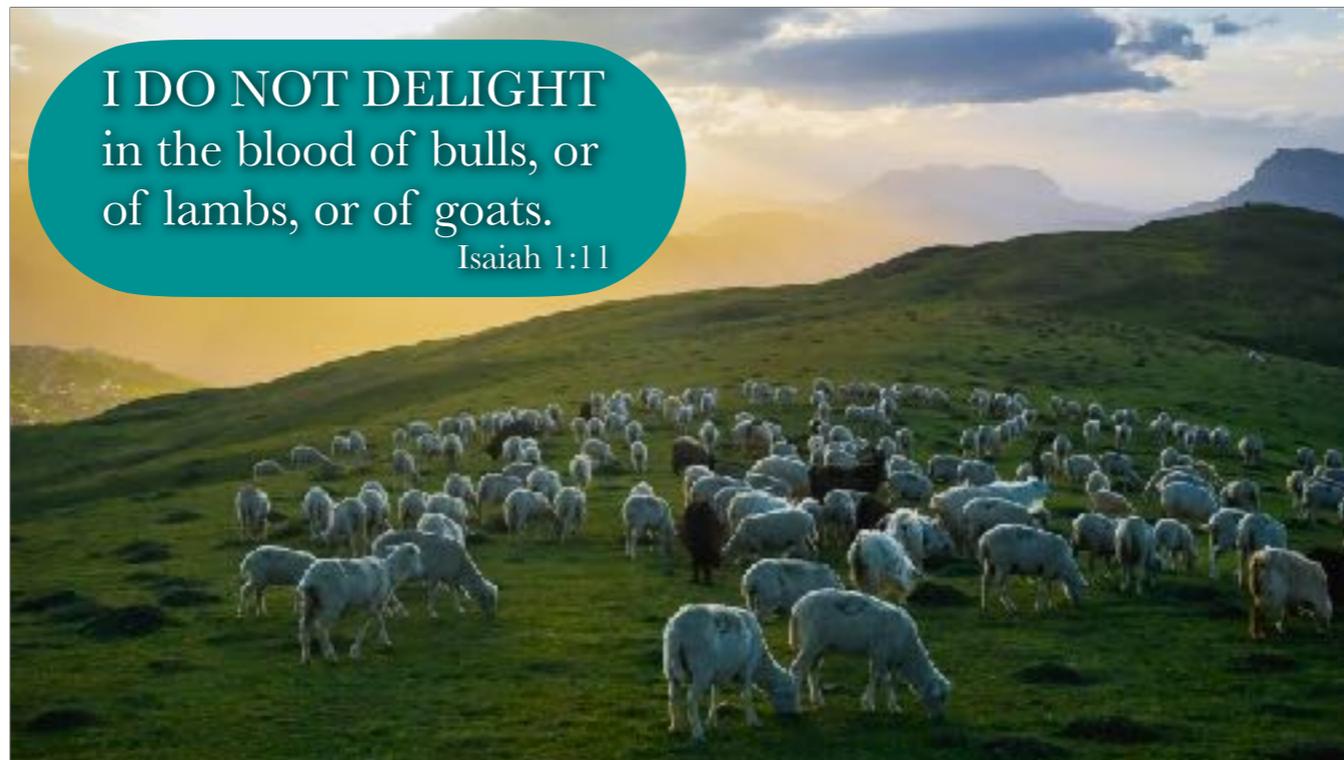
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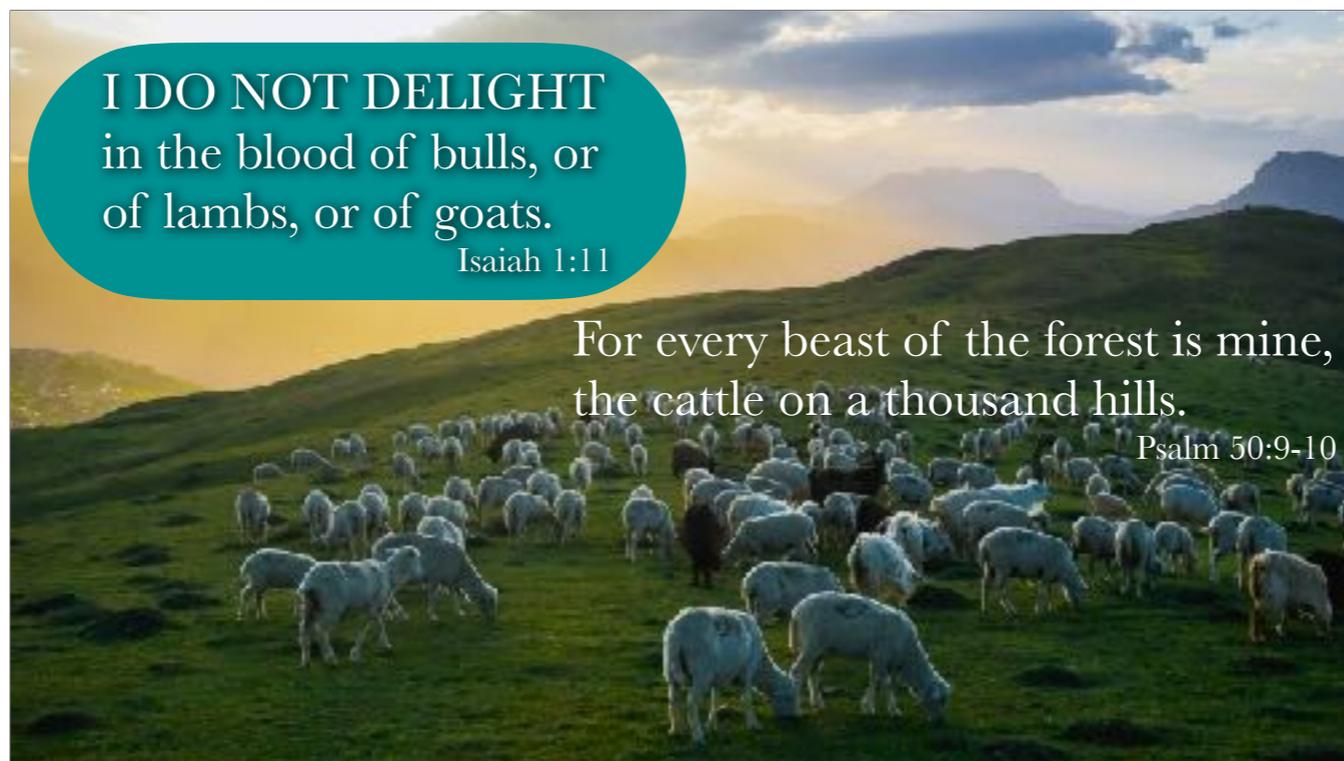
- What does Jehovah require?
 - Do justice
 - Love Kindness
 - Walk humbly with your God



- The Limitations of Sacrifice



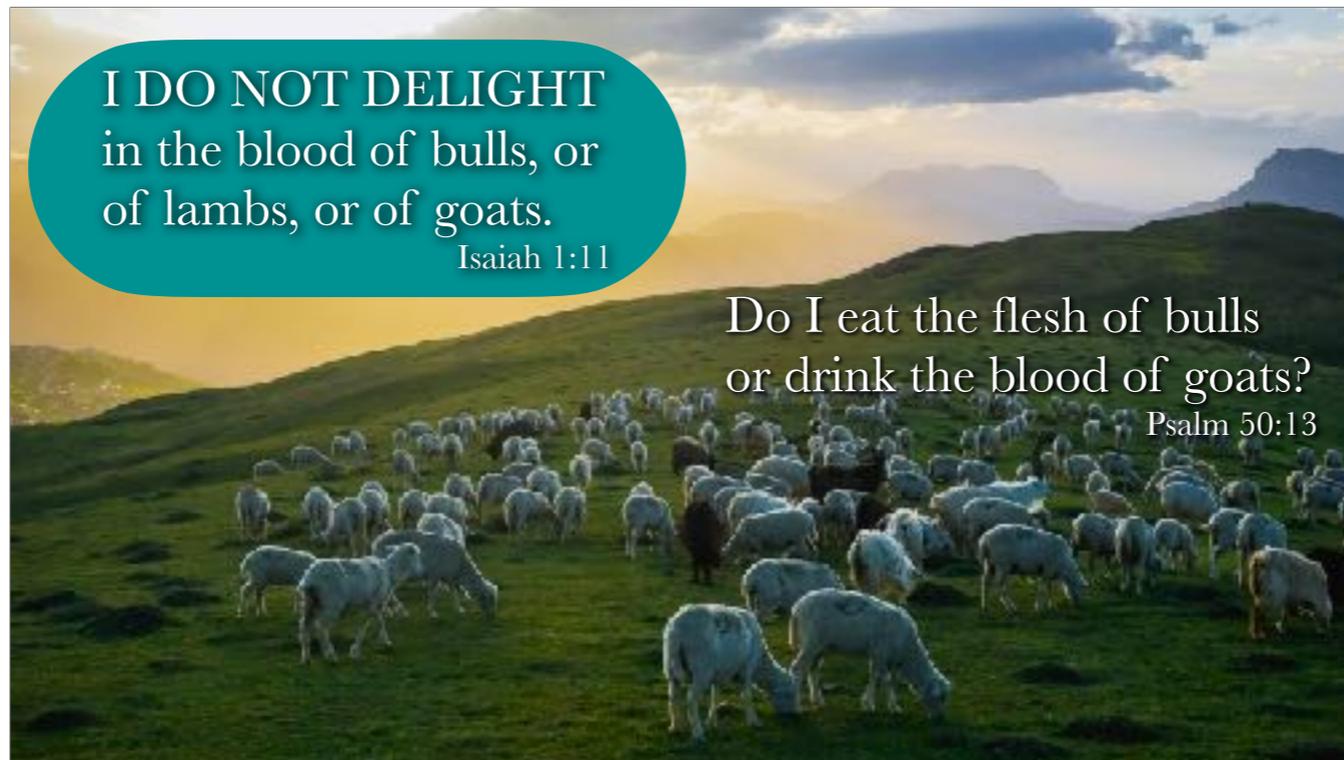
- Isaiah 1:11: I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.
- Our Father does not delight in all the blood!
- Nor is it necessary!



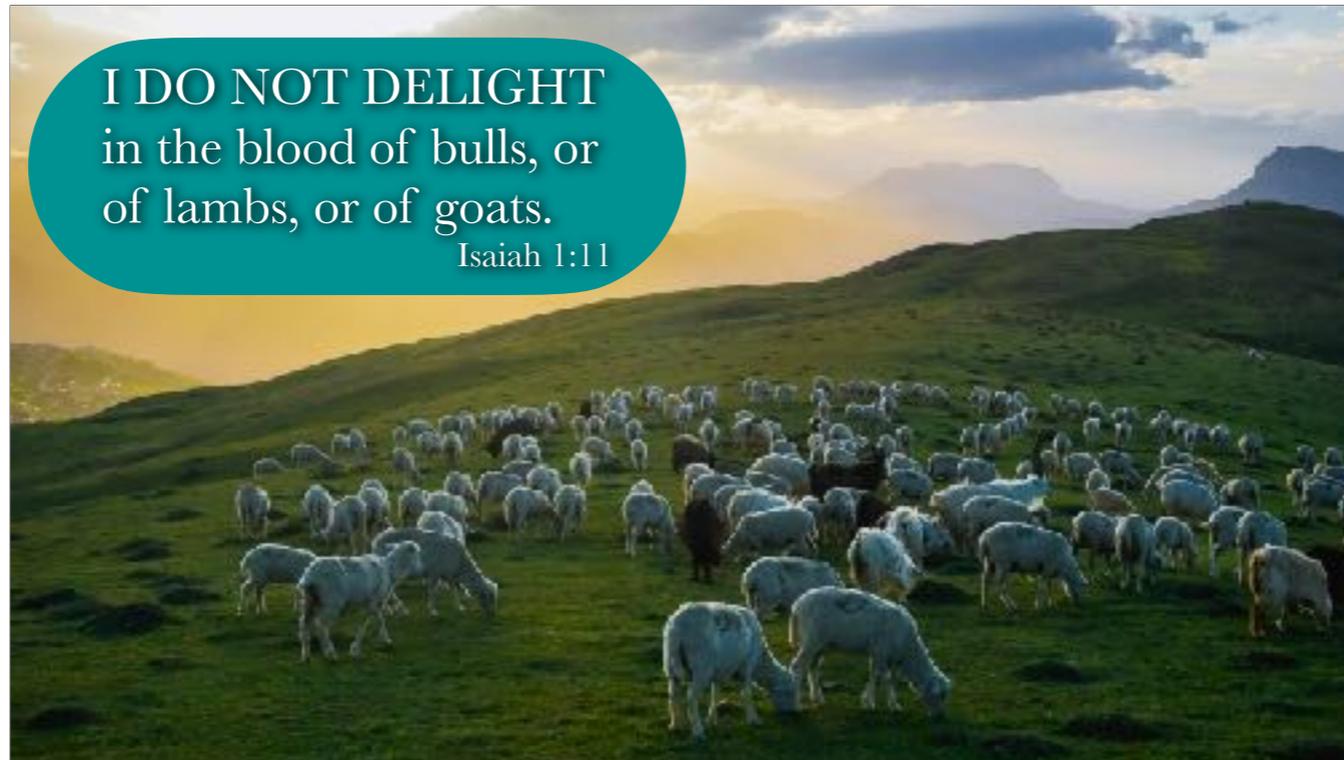
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For every beast of the forest is mine,
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Psalm 50:9-10

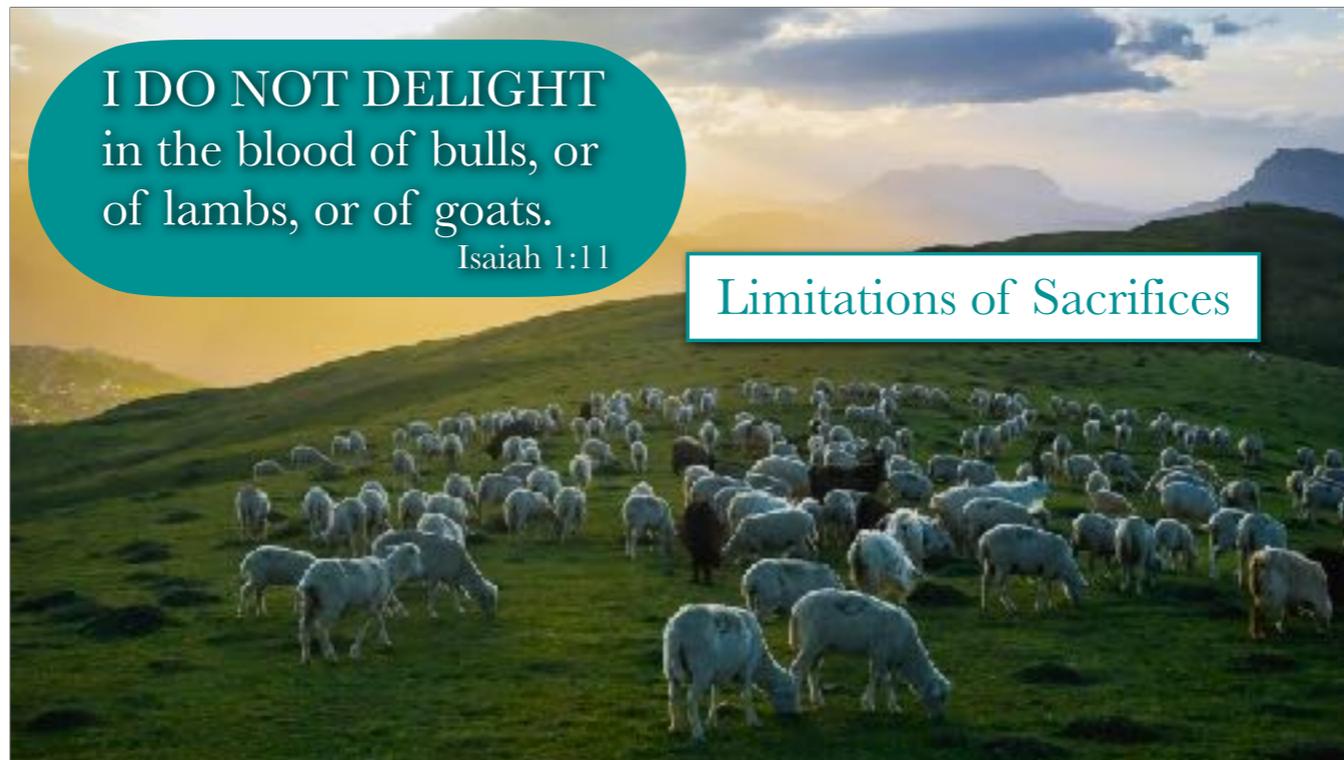
- Not rebuking for sacrifices (7)
- Psalm 50:9-10: I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.
- He doesn't need anything of ours, we aren't providing Him with anything.



- Psalm 50:13: Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
- We aren't feeding Him and He's not hungry.
- Such misunderstanding of God!
- Such misunderstanding of sacrifice!



- Did God want animals sacrifice to Him for His use? His good?
- "I DO NOT DELIGHT"



- The limitations of Sacrifice in Hebrews



- Hebrews 9:9-10: (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, [10] but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.



- Sacrifices cannot salve a guilty conscience, nor calm emotional distress of failing to serve God; breaking our relationship with him or corrupting our nature



- Hebrews 10:4: For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
- These sacrifices don't take away sin!
- Hebrews 10:11: And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.



- So why command sacrifice if it cannot purify conscience nor take away sin???



- Galatians 3:24: So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.
- The law (and its sacrifices!) were all given to prepare us for faith in Christ!
- What was it teaching???



- Leviticus 17:11: For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.
- Cost of sin: shedding of blood, giving of life to make atonement!
- Sacrifice reminds us that sin has costly consequences!



- Hebrews 10:3: But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.
- Year after year, month after month, day after day sacrifices are made for my sins.
- This is a constant awareness of my sin... my lack of obedience!!!

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Isaiah 1:11

Limitations of Sacrifices

cannot
perfect the
conscience
Hebrews 9:9

impossible ...
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Hebrews 10:4

WITH WHAT IS GOD PLEASED?

- Since God is not pleased with the blood (the sacrifices), with what is God pleased?
- What have we seen previously?

WITH WHAT IS GOD PLEASED?



obey listen broken spirit
broken & contrite heart
willing obedient
steadfast love knowledge
justice righteousness
do good justice
kindness humility

- What have we seen previously?
- To Saul: Obey, Listen
- To David: Broken spirit, broken contrite heart
- Isaiah: willing and obedient
- Hosea: steadfast love (mercy), knowledge
- Amos: justice & righteousness
- Micah: do good, justice, kindness, humility

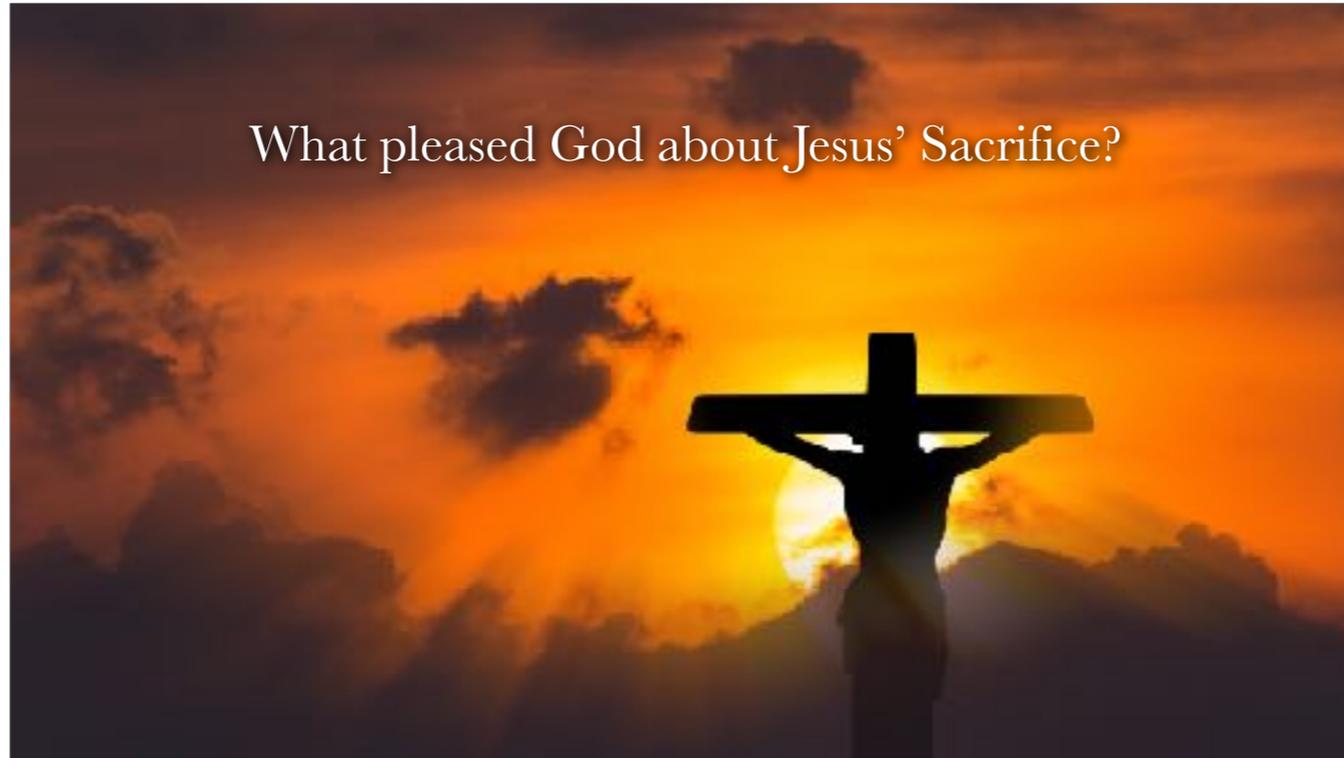
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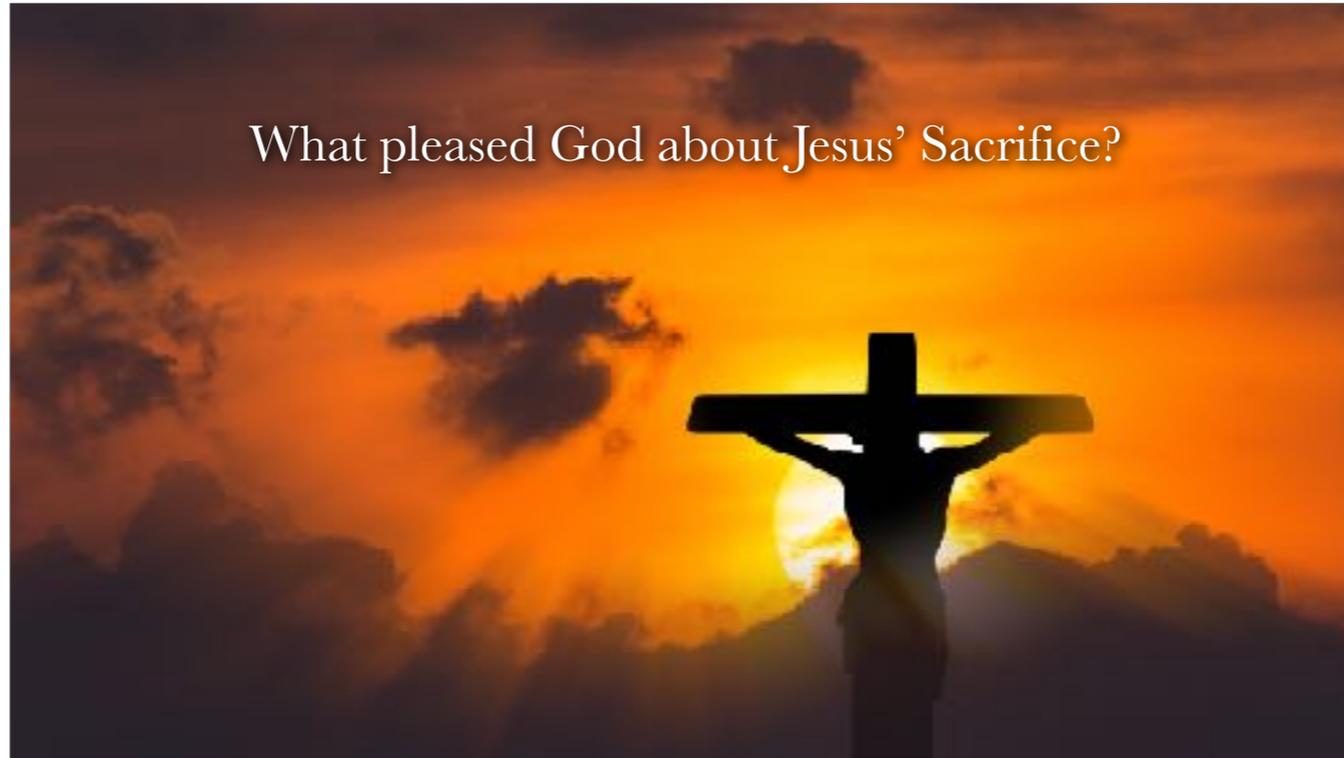
- Remember Abraham and Isaac.
- Sacrifice on mountain. (Gen. 22)
- Heb. 11:17: By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac.
- Obedience!

What pleased God about Jesus' Sacrifice?



- What was it that pleased God about Jesus' sacrifice?

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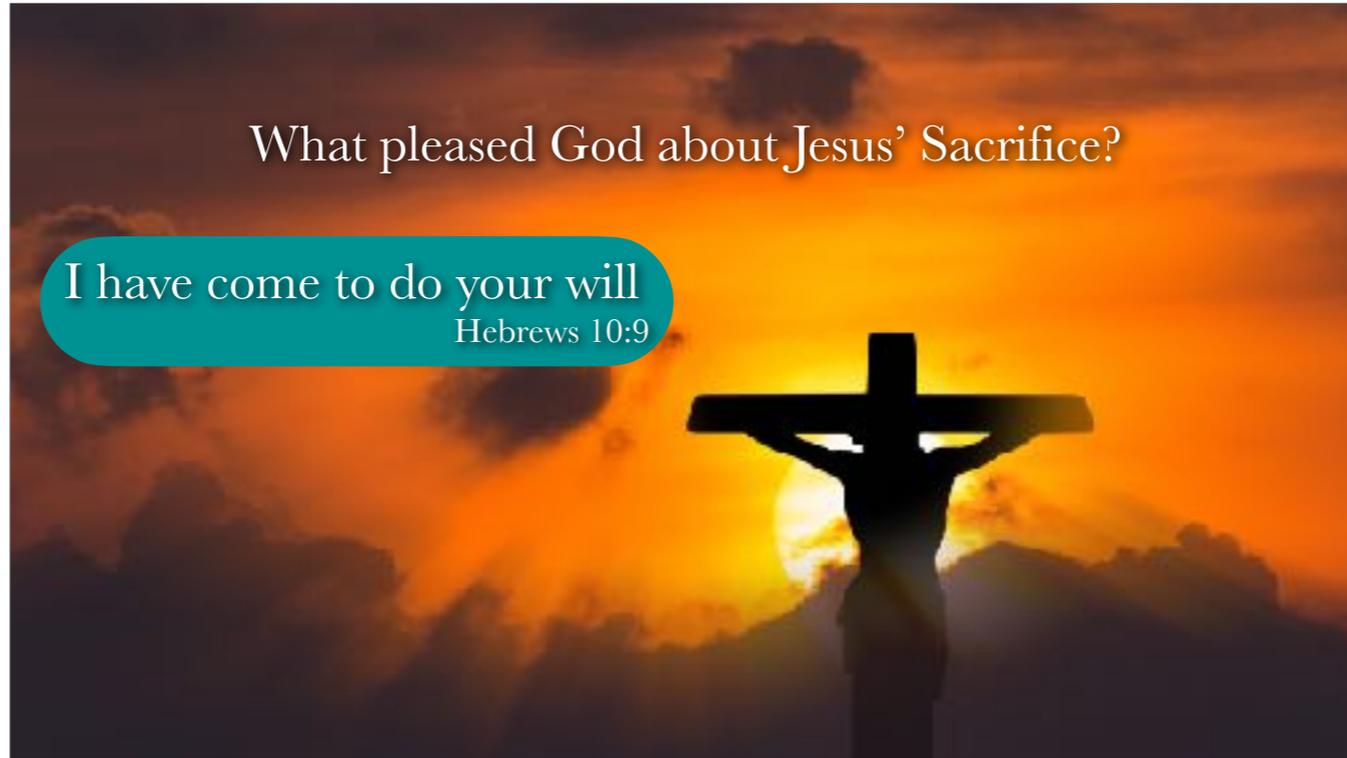


• Hebrews 10:4-10:

- For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
- [5] Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, [quoting Psalm 40:6-8] “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; [6] in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.
- [7] Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”
- [8] When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law),
- [9] then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.”
- He does away with the first in order to establish the second.
- [10] And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

What pleased God about Jesus' Sacrifice?

I have come to do your will
Hebrews 10:9



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He humbled himself by
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Philippians 2:8



- Philippians 2:8: And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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- Hebrews 5:7-10: In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. [8] Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. [9] And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, [10] being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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- What was it that pleased God about Jesus' sacrifice?
- Was it the blood?
- It was His Obedience!

“Jesus’ death was not so much his getting what we deserved, as it is the Holy Father getting what he deserved.”

Jim McGuigan, *The Dragon Slayer*, p. 15



- Jesus’ death was not so much his getting what we deserved, as it is the Holy Father getting what he deserved.

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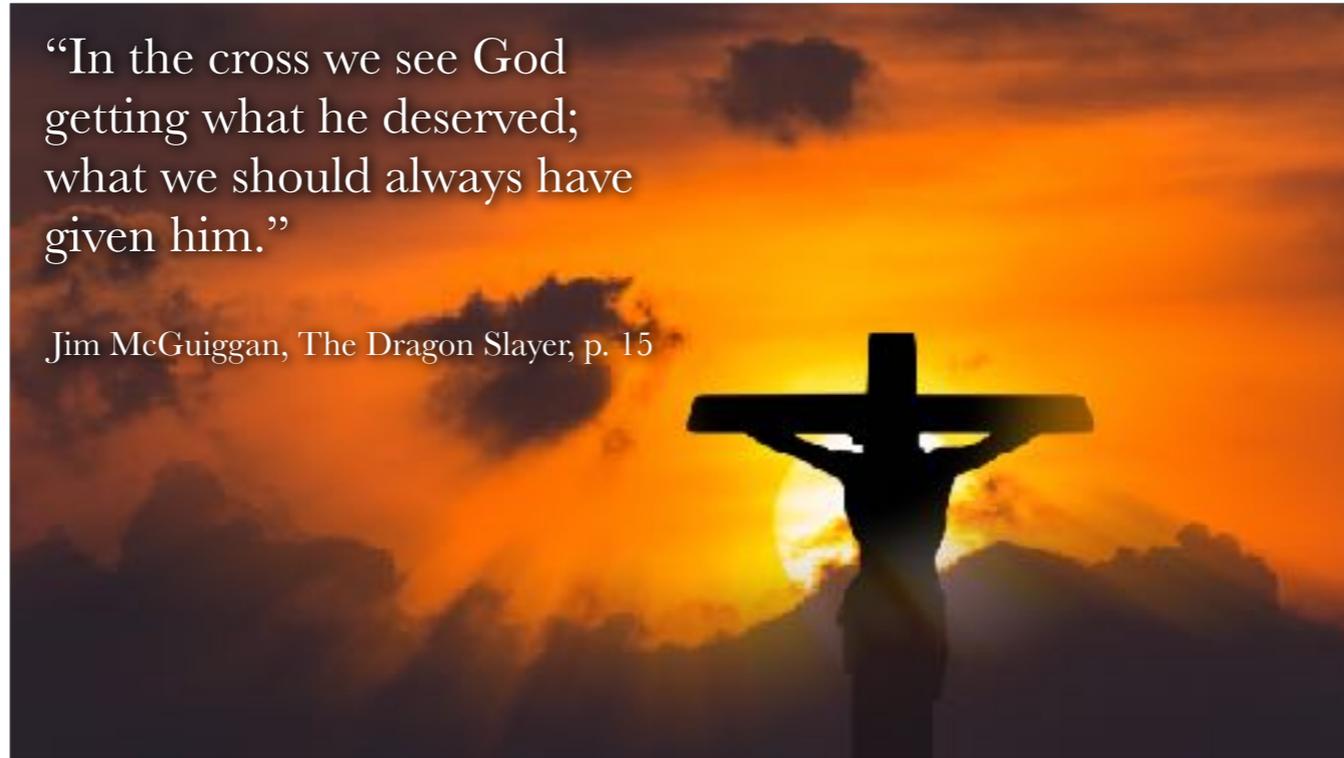
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- Through Jesus the sacrificial blood has been shed for you.
- With what will I please God?
- Obedience!
- Hebrews 5:9: And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,
- Believe, repent, be baptized today!

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal

1 Kings 18: 1-40



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With What Shall I Come Before Jehovah

Micah 6:6-8

Synopsis: In this lesson we consider the purpose of sacrifice, learning that sacrifice is not about the sacrifice itself, for God is not pleased with the blood, rather it is about our obedience. Jesus demonstrates for us the importance of this obedience in His life and death thus providing salvation for us.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”