

- Hebrews 9:22



- The amount of sacrifices under the Old Covenant is startling.
 - 1000's of animals on some days
 - But every single day sacrifices were offered
- Most of us uncomfortable with sacrifice.
- Reaction to death of animal in movie:
 - Old Yeller
 - Where the Red Fern Grows
 - Bambi.
 - Esp. as child, makes us sad!



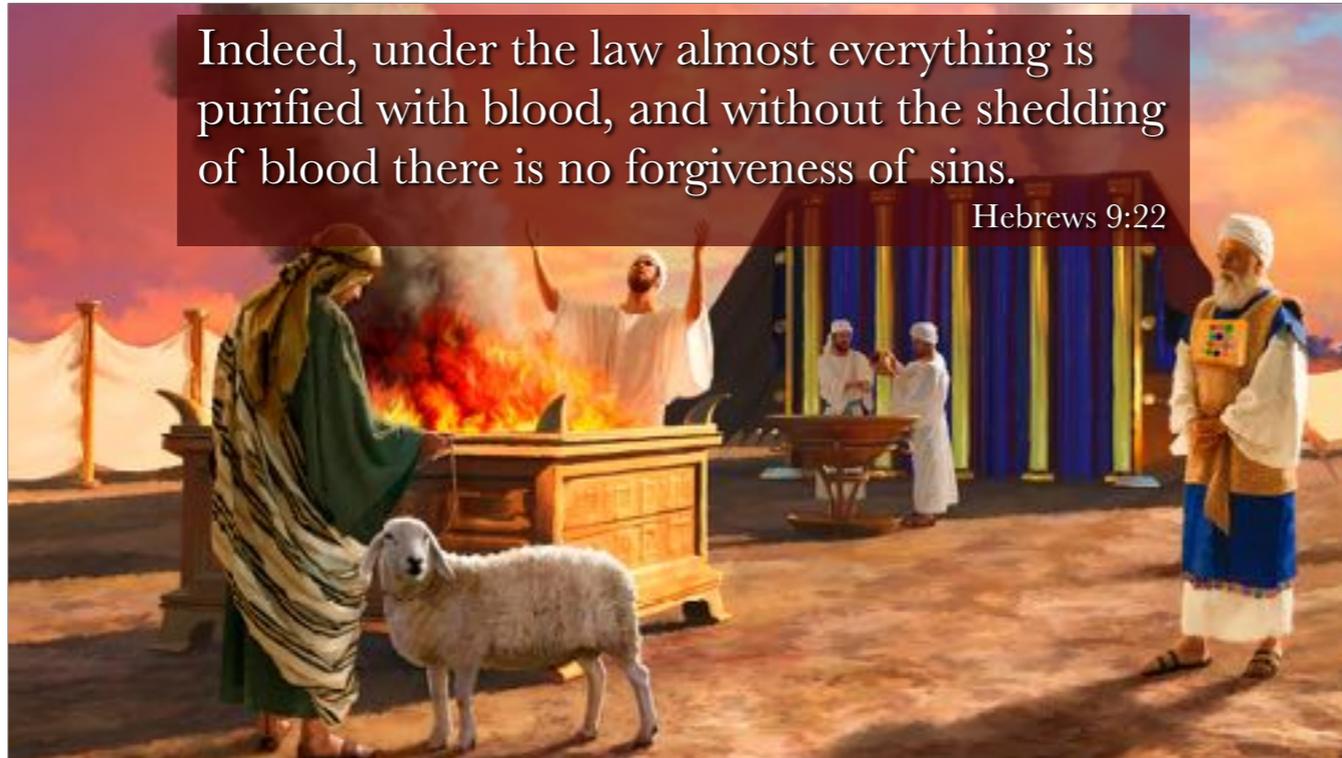
- We aren't accustomed to sacrifice, as Israel was. Not common.
- Not comfortable with blood, lots of blood.
- Understanding sacrifice is hard for me.



- Introduce Cain and Abel:
 - First recorded sacrifice
- But very instructive:
 - One was accepted
 - One was not
- Why?

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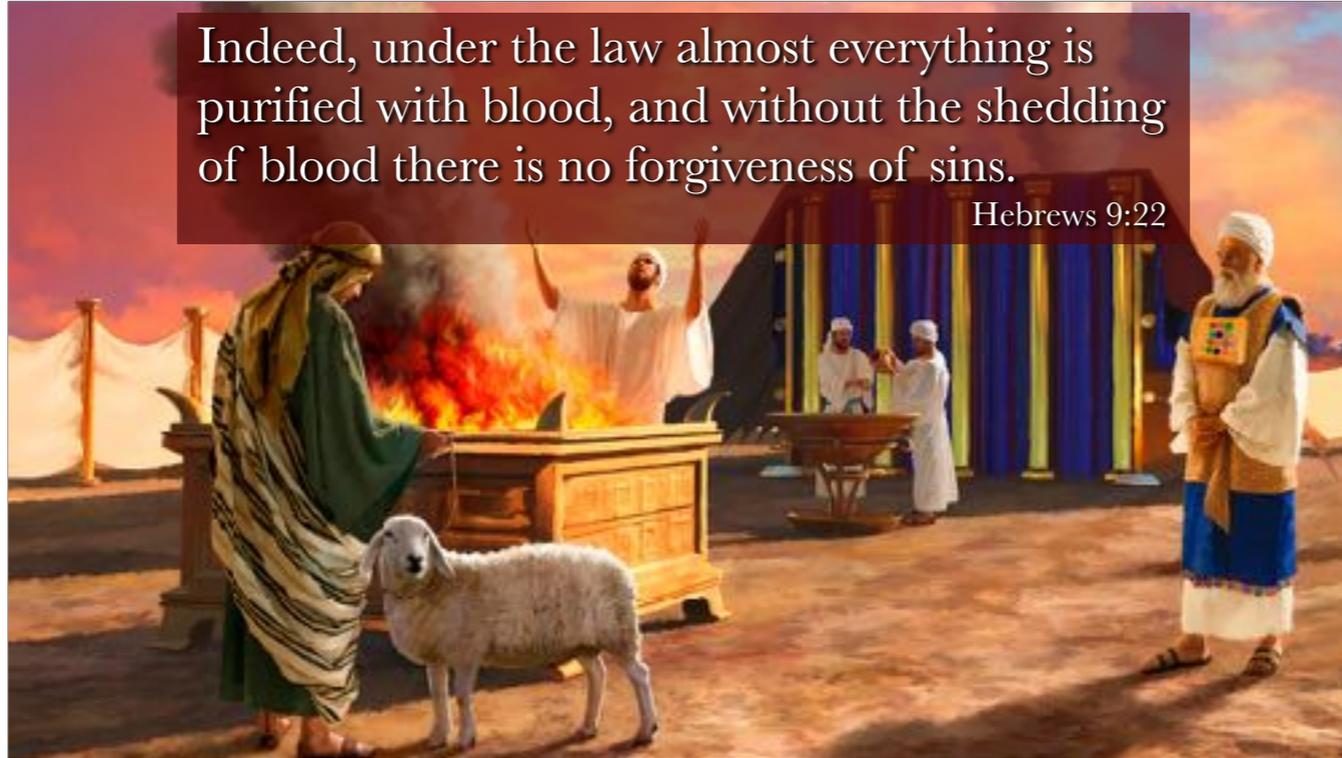
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- Without the shedding of blood...
- Why does blood HAVE to be shed?
 - Otherwise — There is no forgiveness.
- Why? What's the connection between blood and forgiveness?

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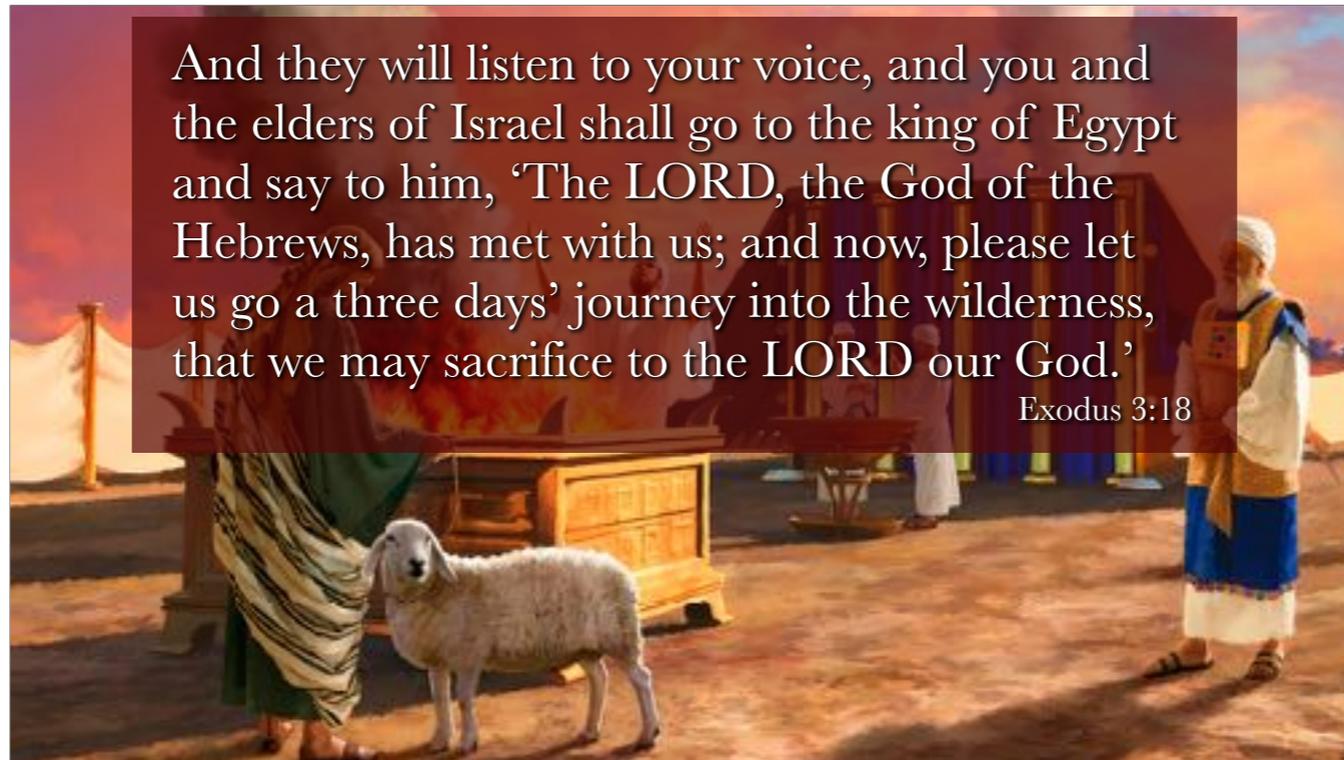
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- We all need to be concerned about this...
- All have sinned ... wages of sin is death.
- I need forgiveness. You need forgiveness.
- Clearly stated, but why?



- To help understand, let's consider the sacrifices of Israel.
- Exodus 19



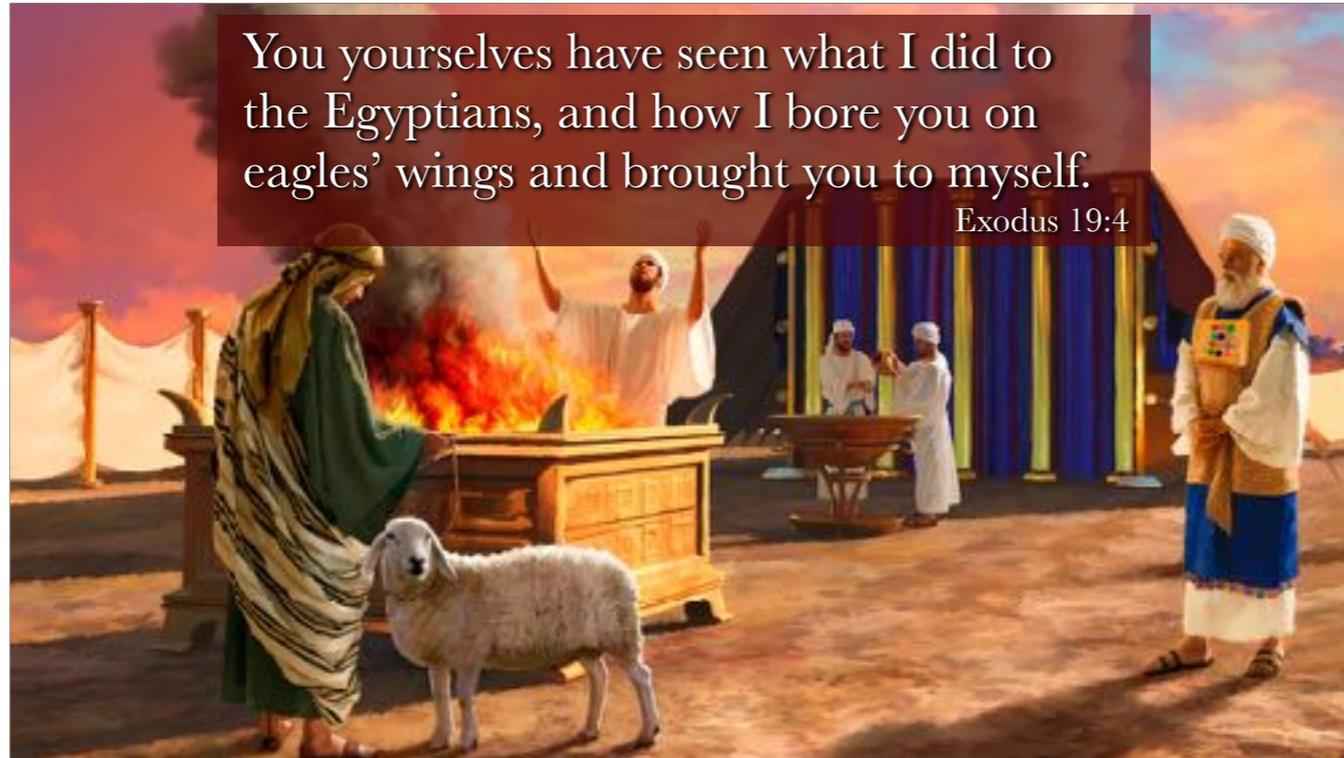
- When Moses met Jehovah on Mt. Sinai before the burning bush, the initial request to put before the Pharaoh was that Israel be allowed to make sacrifices to Jehovah.
- Exodus 3:18 And they will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'



- Escape Egypt to Mt. Sinai.
- Most of us think mainly of them receiving the law.

You yourselves have seen what I did to
the Egyptians, and how I bore you on
eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

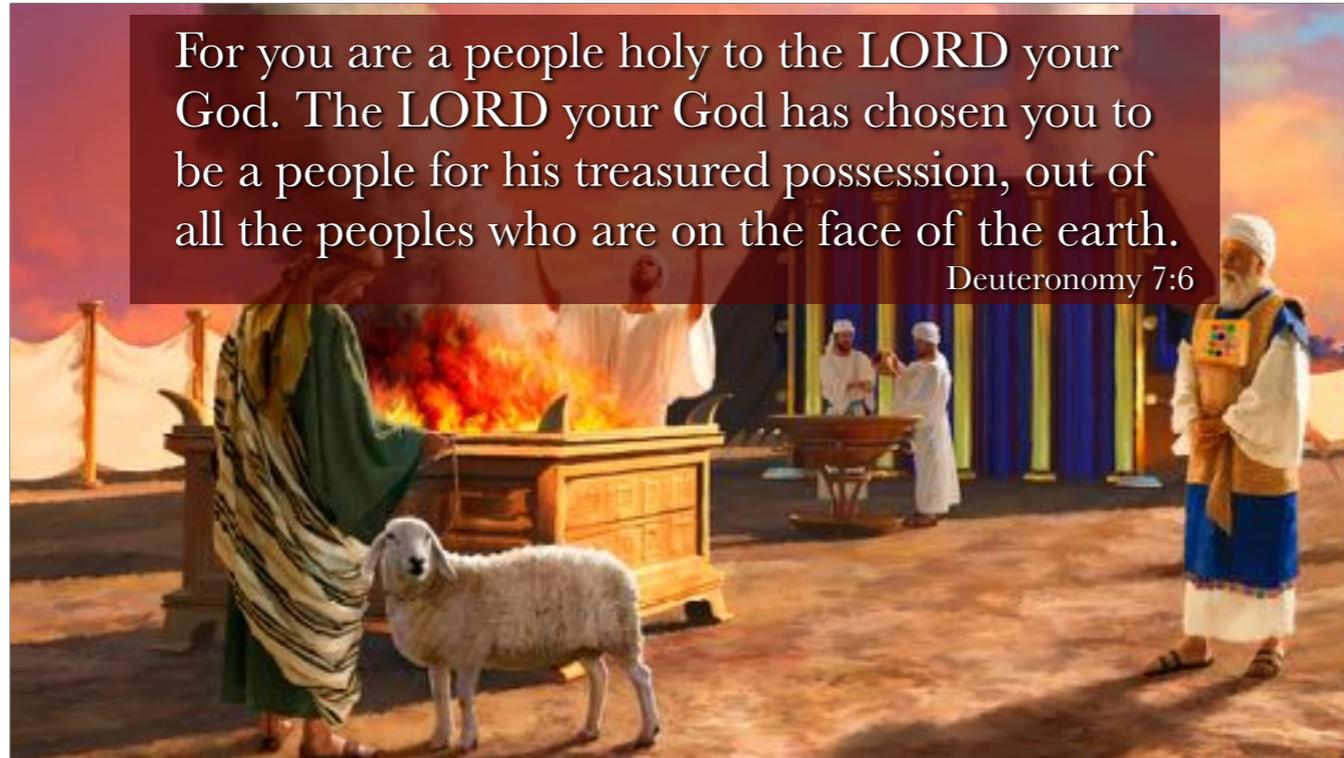
Exodus 19:4



- But Jehovah thinks otherwise (Ex. 19.4)
- “and brought you to myself”
- Not just law, but covenant relationship.

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 7:6



- Deuteronomy 7:6-11 emphasizes that God had chosen them and
 - vs. 6: his treasured possession
 - vs. 7: set his love on you
 - vs. 8: loves you
- By the time Israel arrives at Mt. Sinai, Jehovah has brought them to himself to offer sacrifices.
- They are given the sacrifices in detail: Leviticus starts with these offerings and there are chapters of them.



- Leviticus 4-5 provides the people with instructions about the sin offerings.
- The instructions are for a variety of people and situations with appropriate offerings.
- Once offered, there was atonement and the sinner was forgiven.
- Bulls, goats, lambs, turtledoves or pigeons, and flour



- Leviticus 5 has special provisions for atonement
 - 7-10:
 - Anyone can't afford lamb
 - Interesting — why does God allow for poverty with a sacrifice that is less than the previously mentioned sacrifice



- Does this indicate that it's not about equivalence?
 - That is, a certain amount of blood for specific sins
 - something like — murder is a bull; but gossip is a sparrow
 - but that's not how God instructs Israel at all



- So sacrifice is not just about how much it costs me, nor how big the sin is
- Bring compensation for sin
 - 2 turtledoves or 2 pigeons: sin offering, burnt offering
 - Atonement for the sin; FORGIVEN



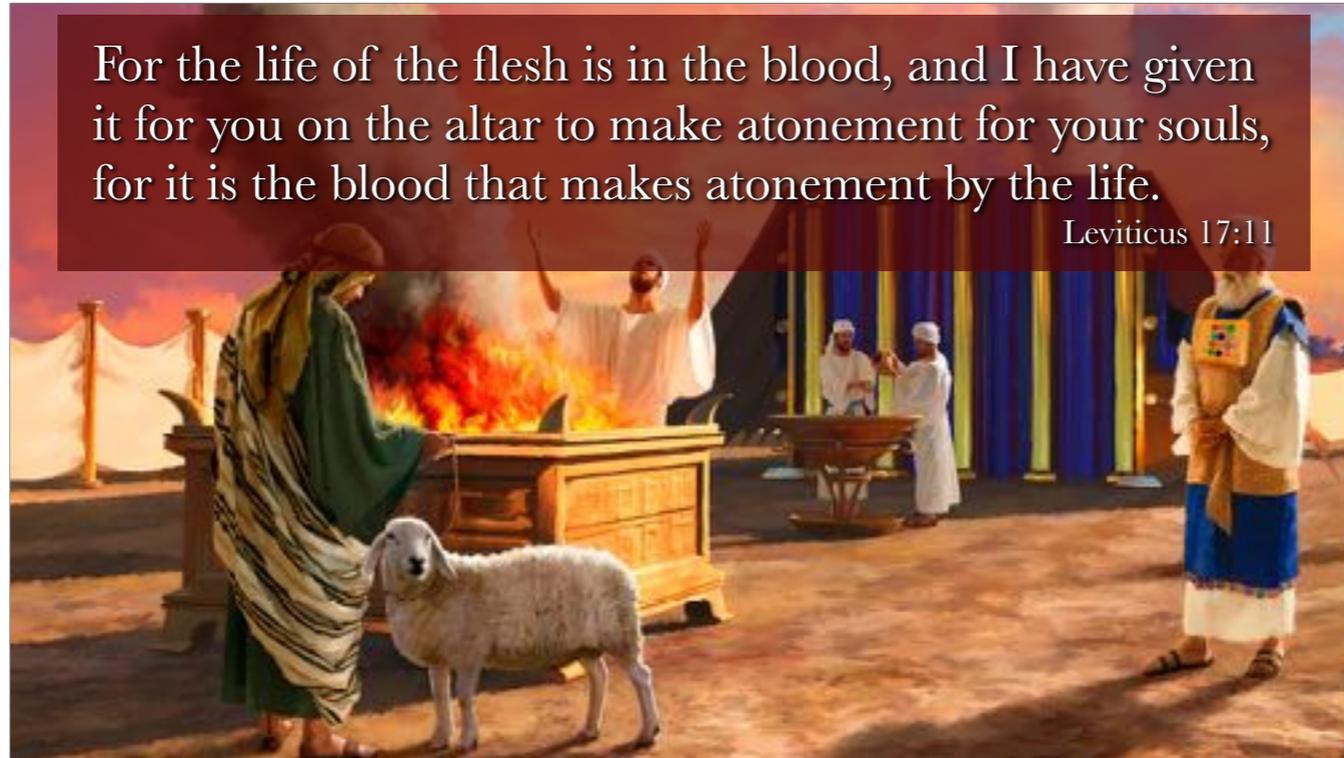
- 11-13
 - Anyone can't afford birds
 - 1/10 Ephah of flour (9.2 cups): sin offering, grain offering
 - Atonement for the sin; FORGIVEN



- Wait! No blood? How is this even possible?
 - Hebrews 9:22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.
 - And that means that it's not just about the blood.
 - There's something deeper here for us to understand
 - Clearly blood is important, but God makes allowance for everyone to be forgiven of sins — including flour.
- So why blood?

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.

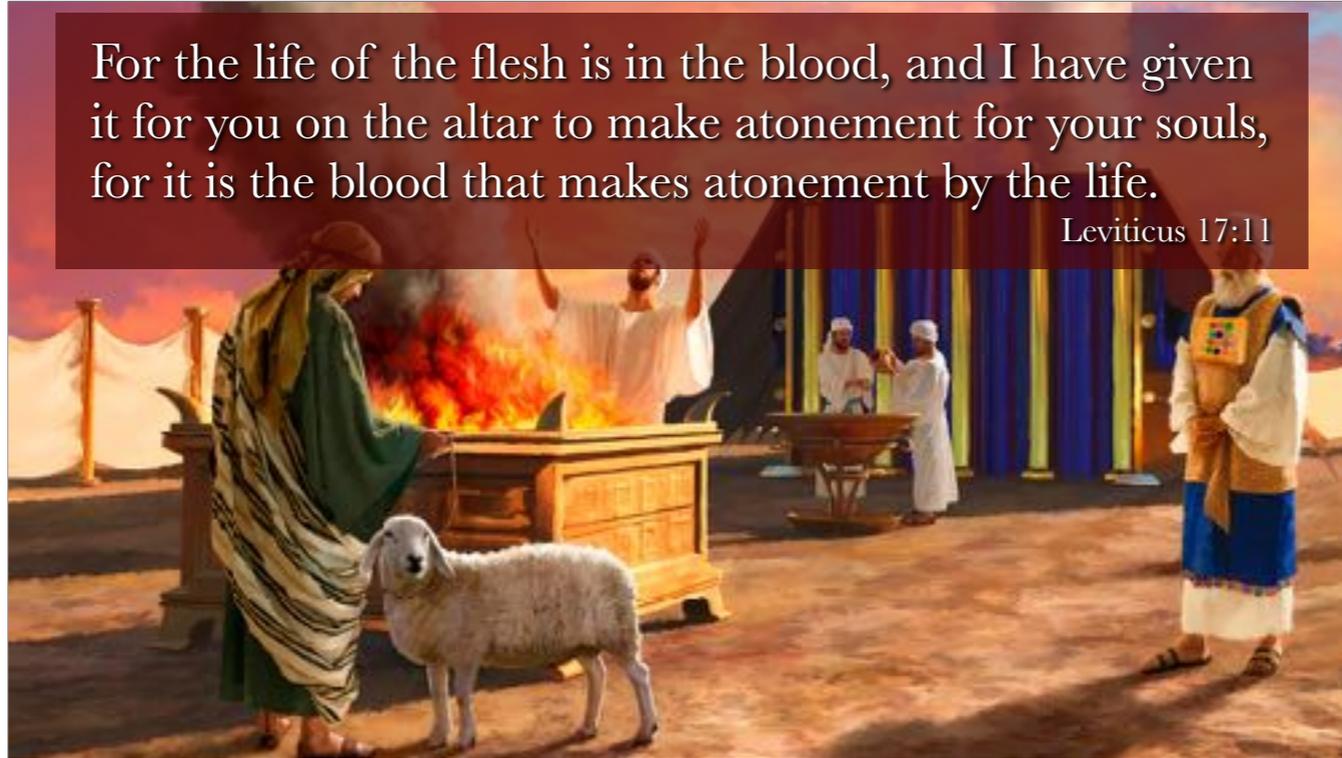
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 - Life of flesh in blood.
 - About life!
- I have given it
 - Sacrifice is from God!
 - Not man's idea.

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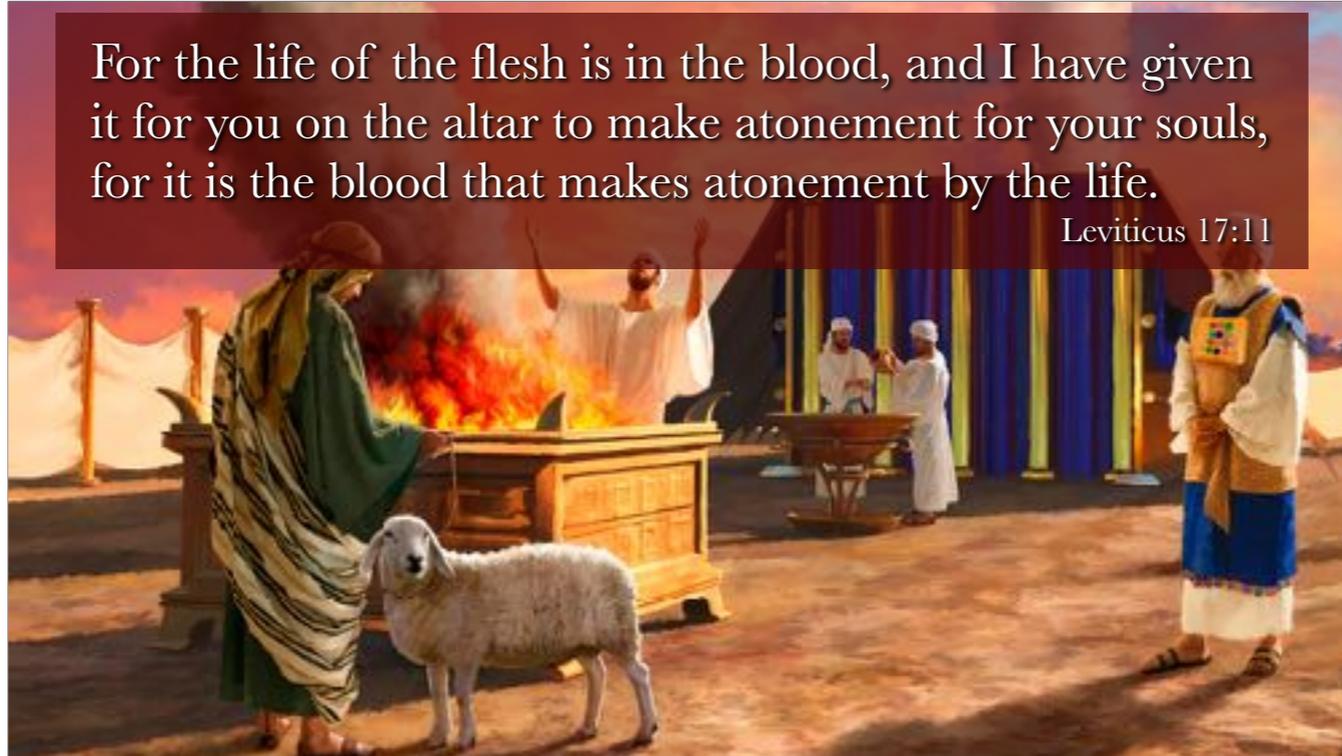
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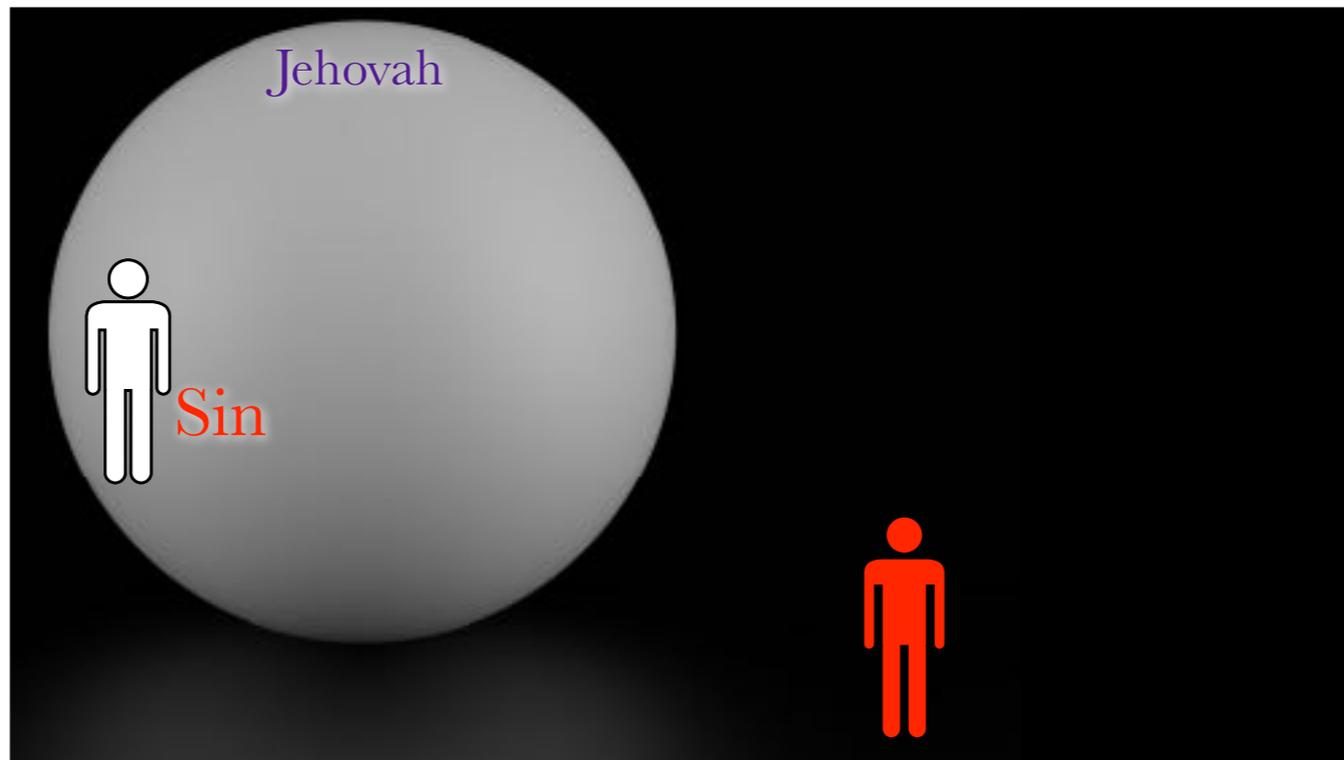
- On the altar
- It must be sacrificed to Jehovah.
- It's not just about blood shed, it is to be done in a proper way.
- To make atonement for souls
- Clear purpose... the blood serves a spiritual purpose.

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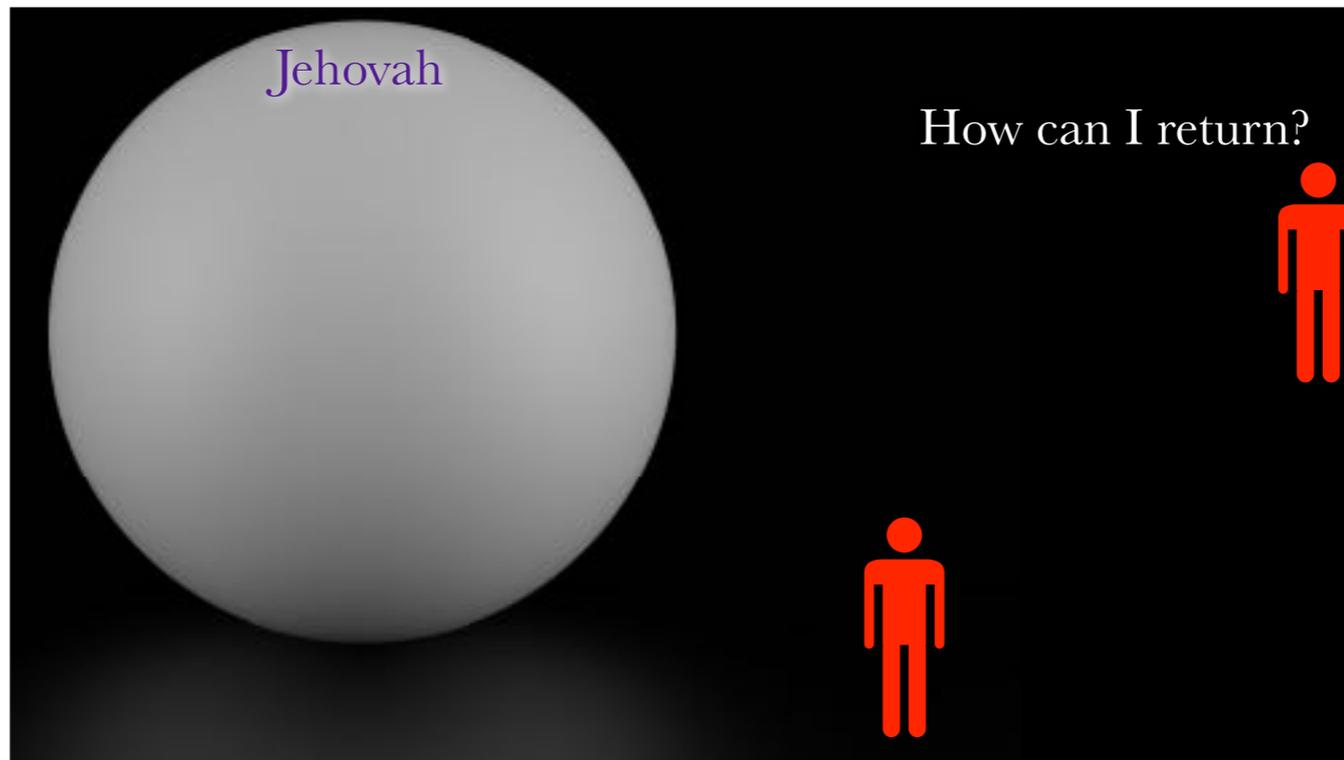
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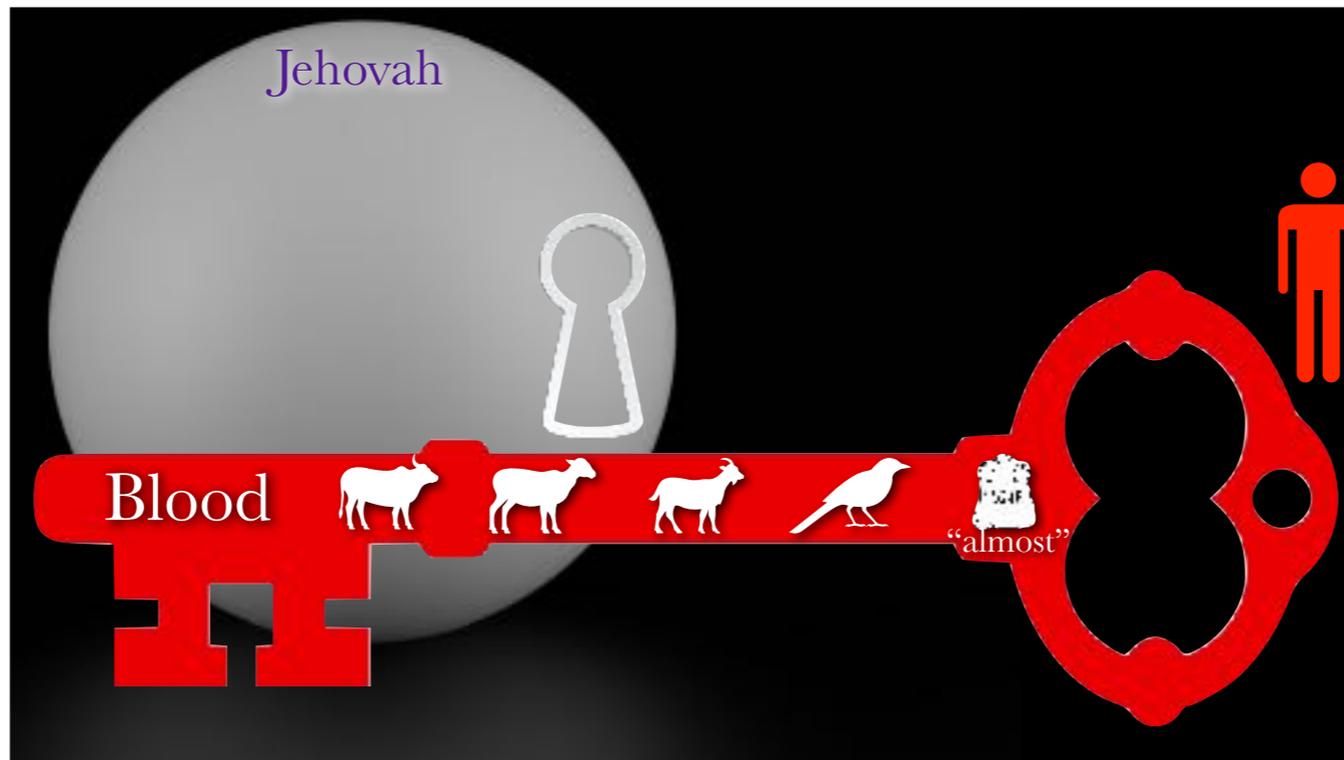
- It is the blood that makes atonement by the life.
- Life of flesh ... in the blood.
- Blood - atonement —life.
- Through blood: life for life.



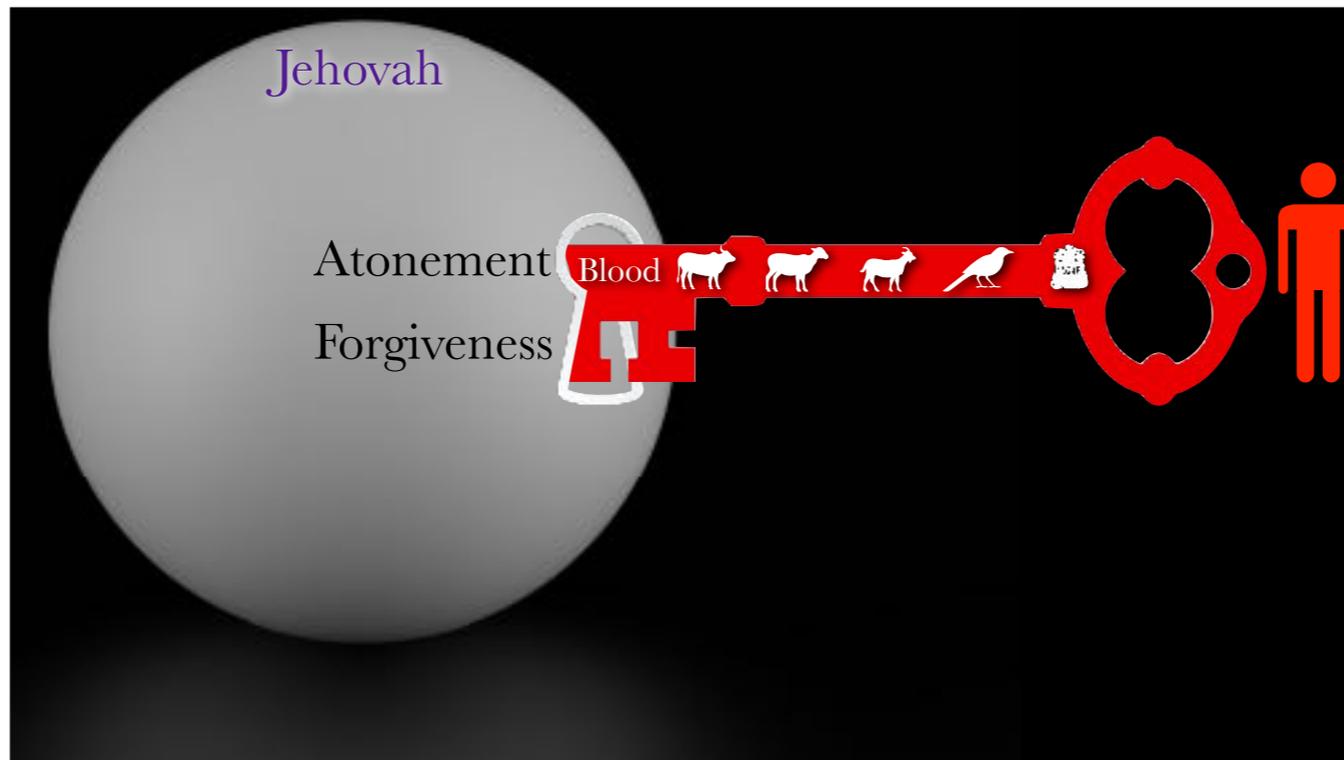
- Attempt at illustration.
- Jehovah and Man
- Man sins, separated from Jehovah.



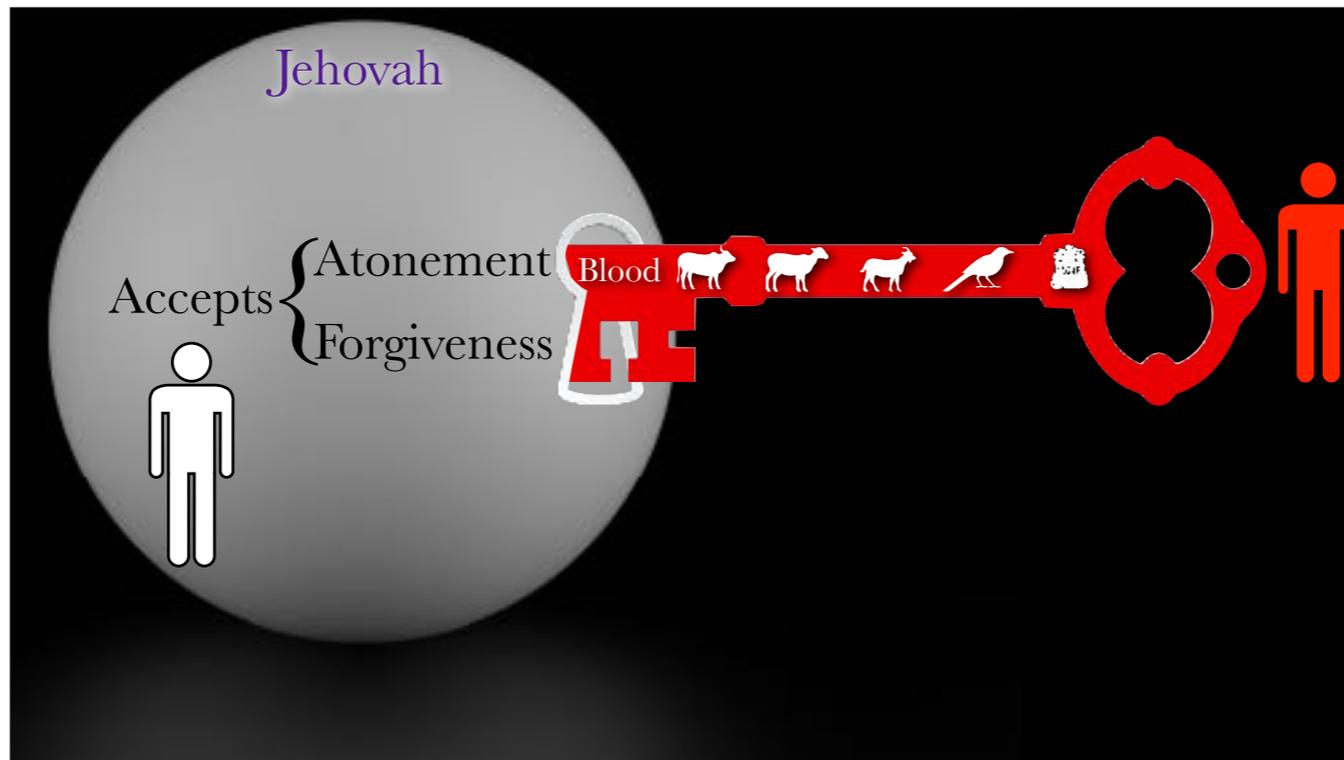
- When I realize my sin and broken relationship
- How return to right relationship with our Father?



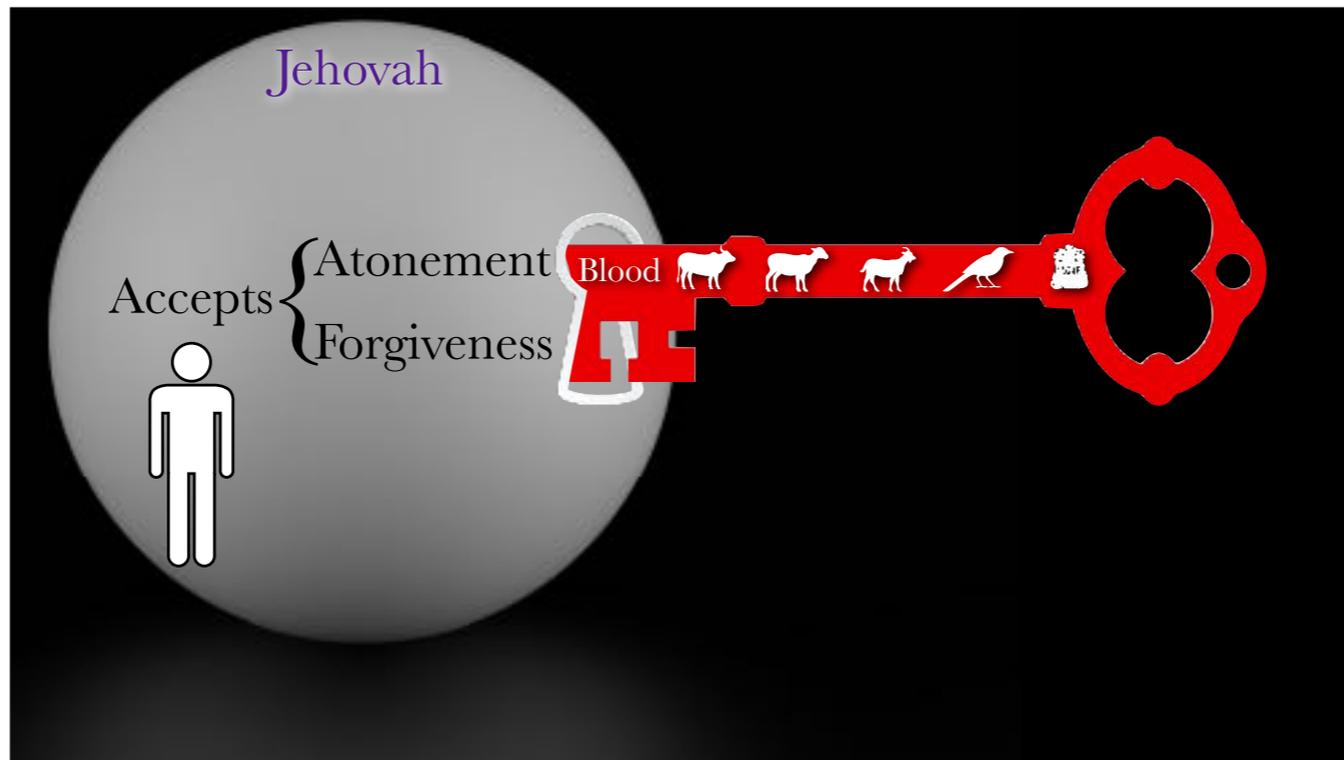
- Jehovah provides a way for us to return to him
 - Because of his love for us, in his holiness and being just
 - Blood — bull, sheep, goat, birds, and flour (“almost” everything)
- Man confesses sin and brings a sin offering.



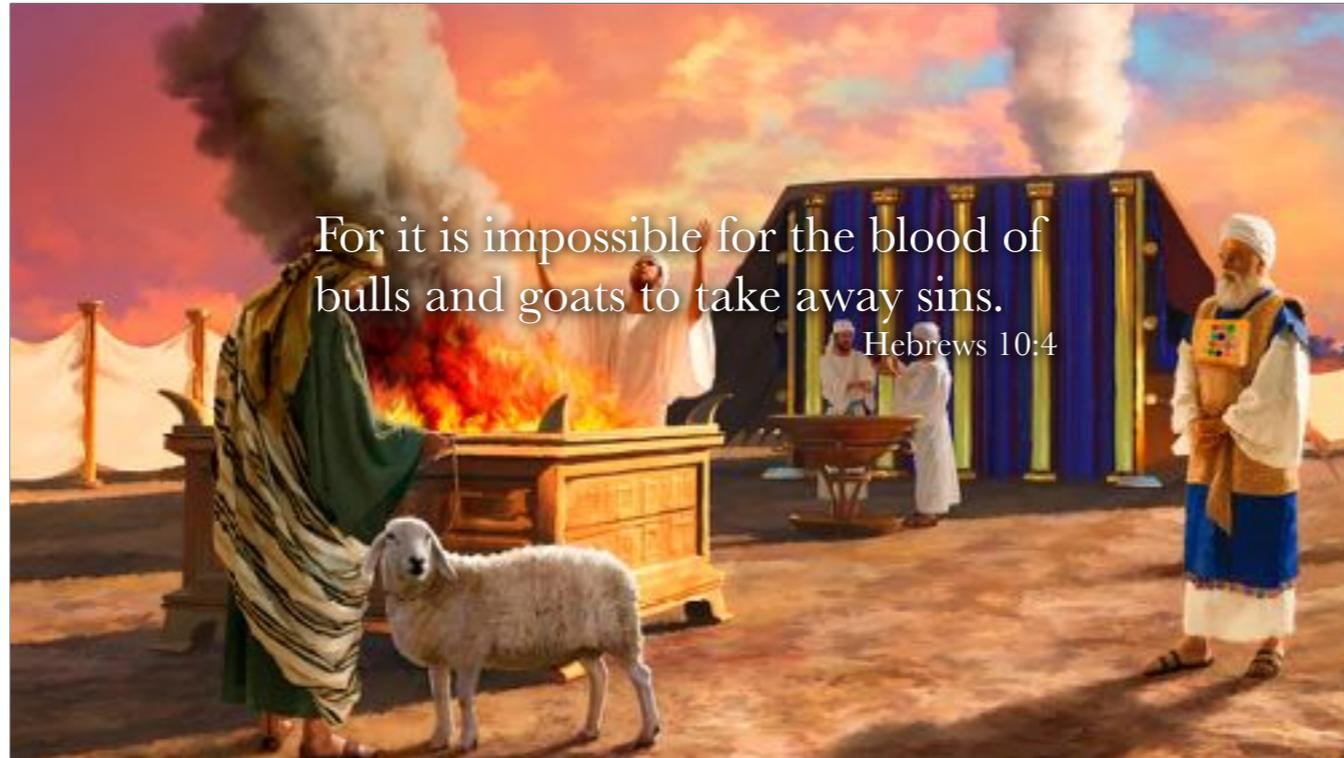
- The sin offering is killed, and blood is put on horns of altar and at base of altar.
- Sacrifice is made to Jehovah



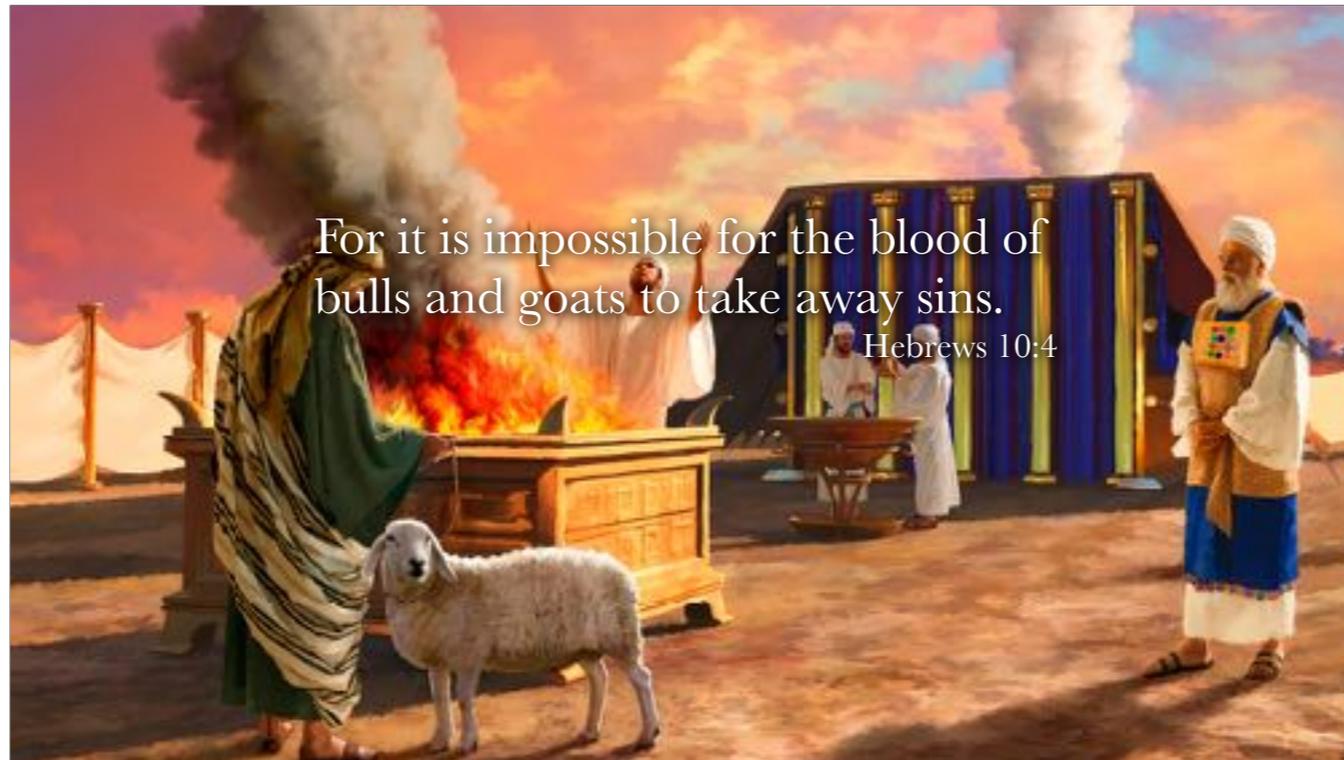
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- Sacrifice, in the most important aspects,
 - is not really just about the blood.
 - It is necessary, but there's more to atonement than just killing an animal.
 - The blood is not magical.
- Just killing an animal is not a sin offering!



- For atonement purposes God did not accept the sinner without his sacrifice;
- but neither did He accept the sacrifice without the sinner. (McGuiggan)
- 3 Passages help us understand our place in the sacrifice.
 - Malachi 1
 - Isaiah 66
 - Psalm 51



- Jehovah must be Honored

- Malachi 1: When Jehovah rebukes Israel for not honoring Him, and they question how they dishonor Him; He replies that their offerings are polluted, blind, lame, and sick: and that's evil. They wouldn't try that with their governor.
- Malachi 1:8 When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts.

Jehovah Must be Honored

For I am a great King, says Jehovah of hosts,
and my name will be feared among the nations.

Malachi 1:14



- So He tells that that He will not accept their offering.
- Concludes by reminding them that He is a GREAT KING!
- Malachi 1:14
 - Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished.
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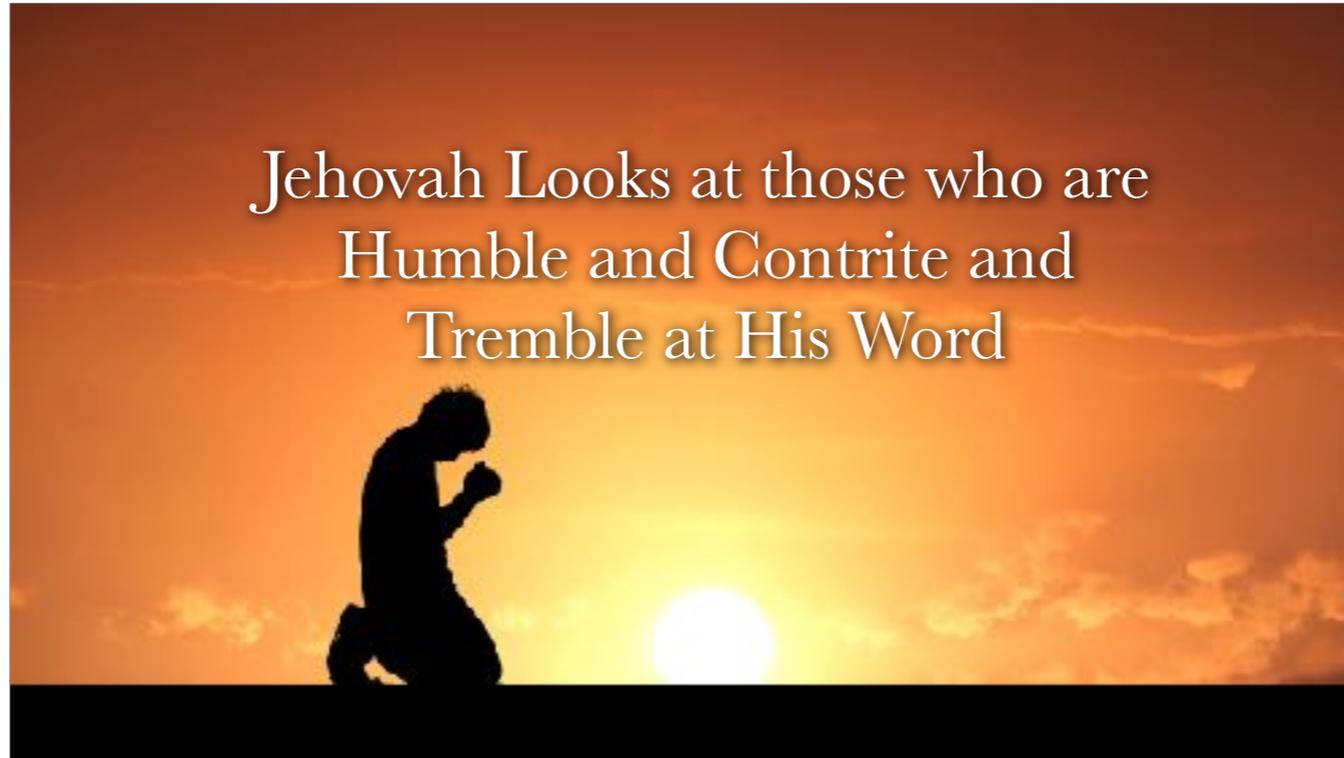
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- He should be honored by his people.
- He will be feared by nations.

Jehovah Looks at those who are
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Isaiah 66: Jehovah Looks at those who are Humble and Contrite

Jehovah Looks at those who are Humble and Contrite and Trembles at his Word

Thus says Jehovah:

Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool;
what is the house that you would build for me,
and what is the place of my rest?

All these things my hand has made,
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But this is the one to whom I will look:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit
and trembles at my word.

Isaiah 66:2



2b: But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

Jehovah Looks at those who are Humble and Contrite and Trembles at his Word

He who slaughters an ox is
like one who kills a man;



Isaiah 66:3

- 3 "He who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a man

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he who sacrifices a lamb,
like one who breaks a dog's neck;



Isaiah 66:3

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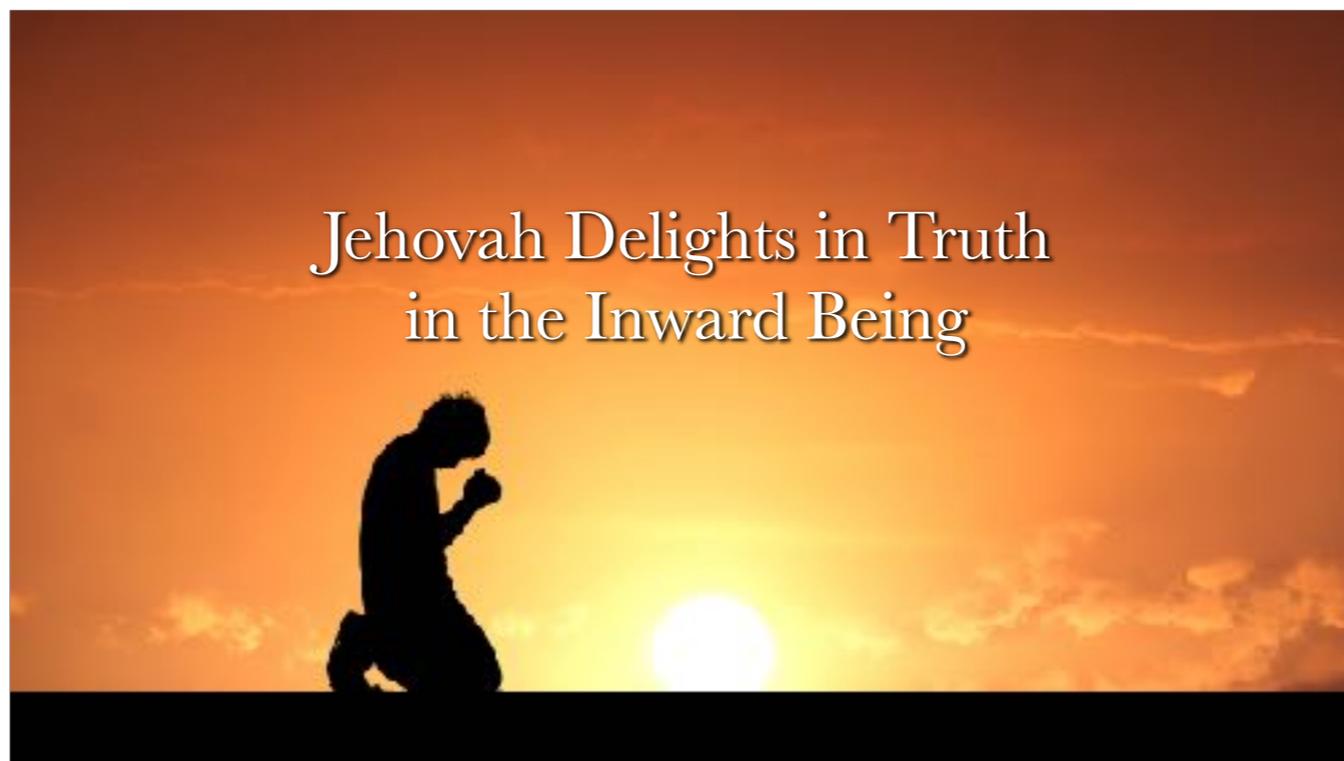
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- Psalm 51: David's Psalm after His Sin

Jehovah Delights in Truth in the Inward Being

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being

Psalm 51:6



- Psalms 51:6: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Jehovah Delights in Truth in the Inward Being

Behold, you delight in  in the inward being
Psalm 51:6

 Jehovah

NOT delight
in sacrifice

NOT pleased
with offering



- Psalms 51:16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- Jehovah doesn't accept sacrifice for the sake of sacrifice.
 - There's more to it than just shedding blood.

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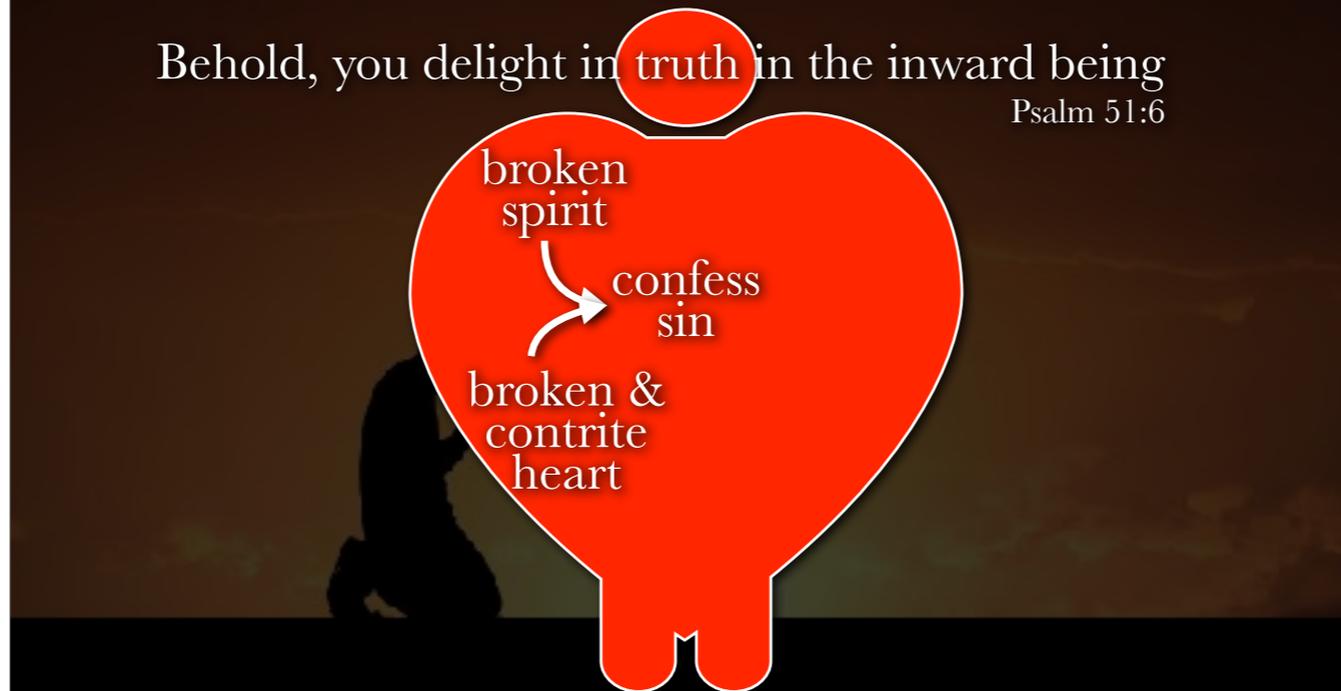
• Psalms 51:17

- The sacrifices of God
 - (no mention of bulls, goats, sheep, birds, or flour!)
 - are a broken spirit;
 - a broken and contrite heart, O God,
- you will not despise.

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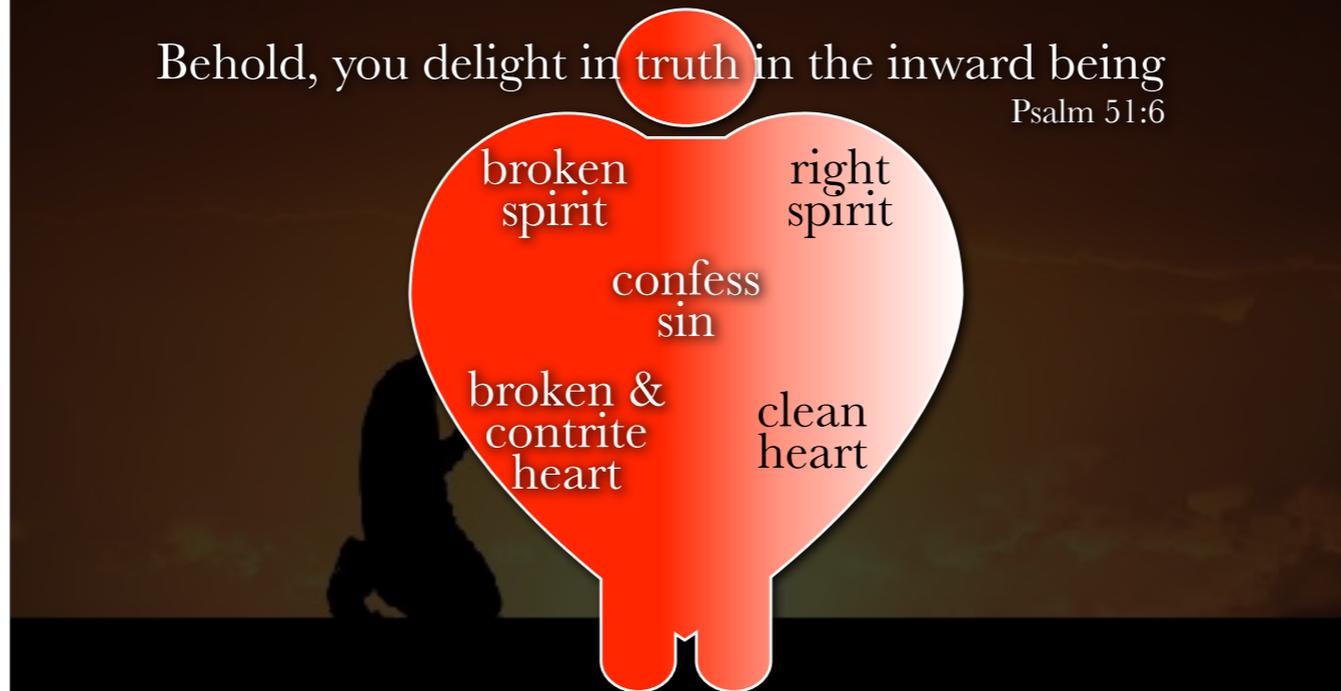


- Confess sin
- Psalms 51:3-4 (ESV)
 - 3 For I know my transgressions,
 - and my sin is ever before me.
 - 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned
 - and done what is evil in your sight,

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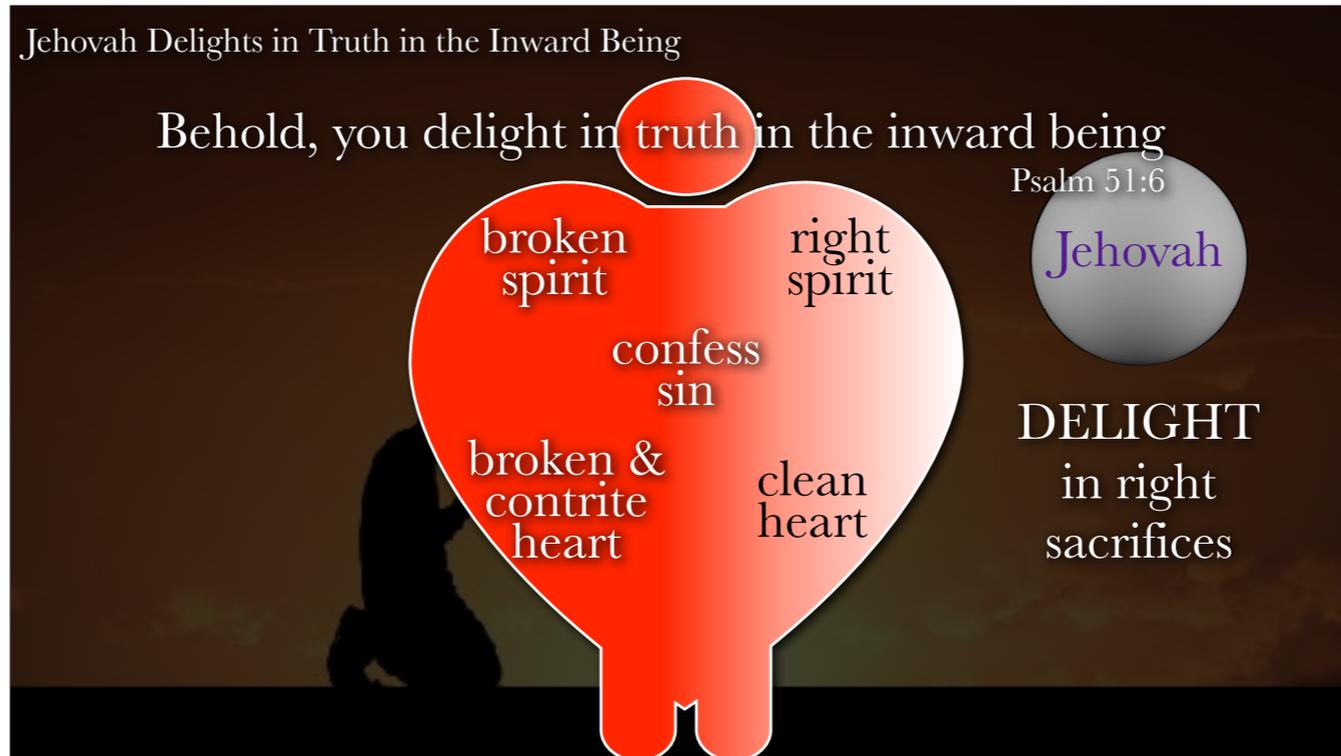
- Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Jehovah Delights in Truth in the Inward Being



• Psalms 51:19 (ESV)

- then will you delight in right sacrifices,
- in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
- then bulls will be offered on your altar.



- Jehovah does not just accept any blood sacrifice: it doesn't please him and he will not be delighted.
- The sacrifice he desires are about me and my soul
 - An understanding of the truth of my sin
 - An understanding of our departure from him
 - And being broken because of what we've done
 - He doesn't despise.
- And when I am striving to be right with him, then the blood sacrifices are a delight to him.



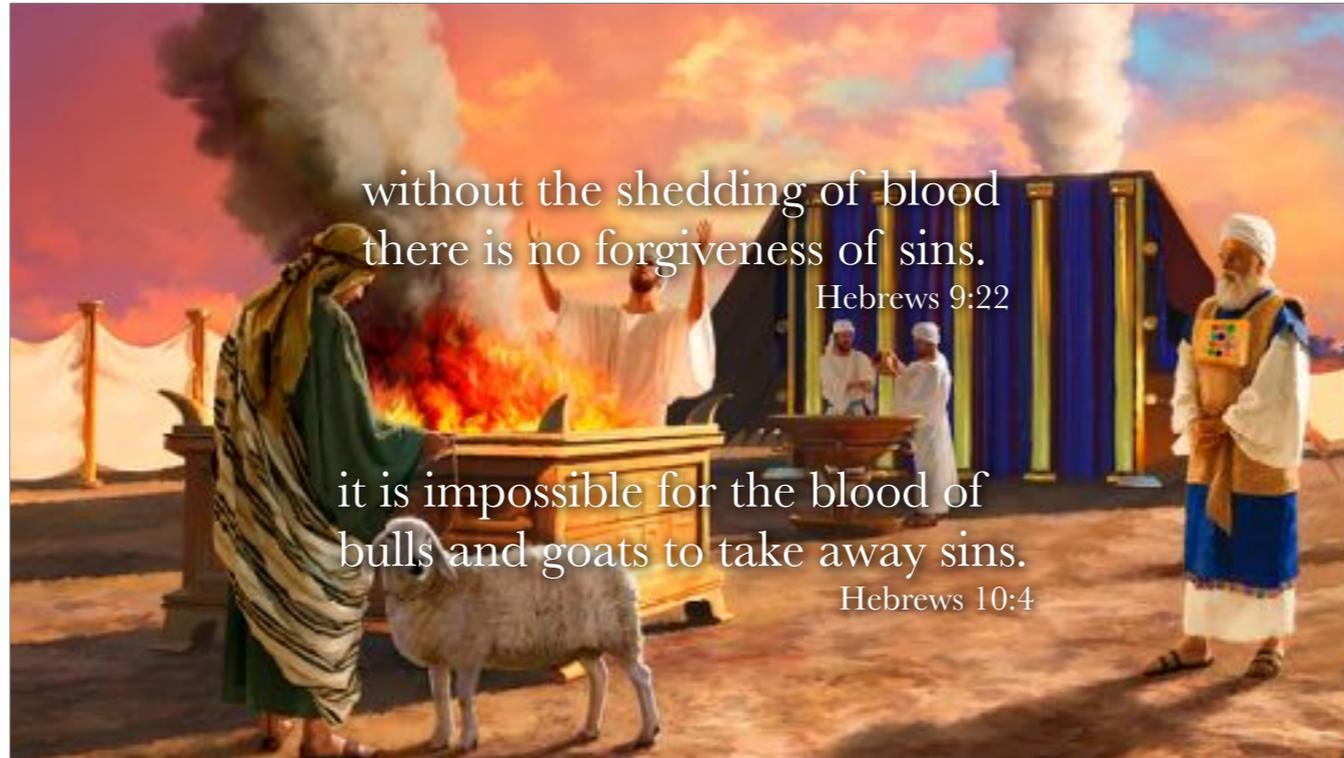
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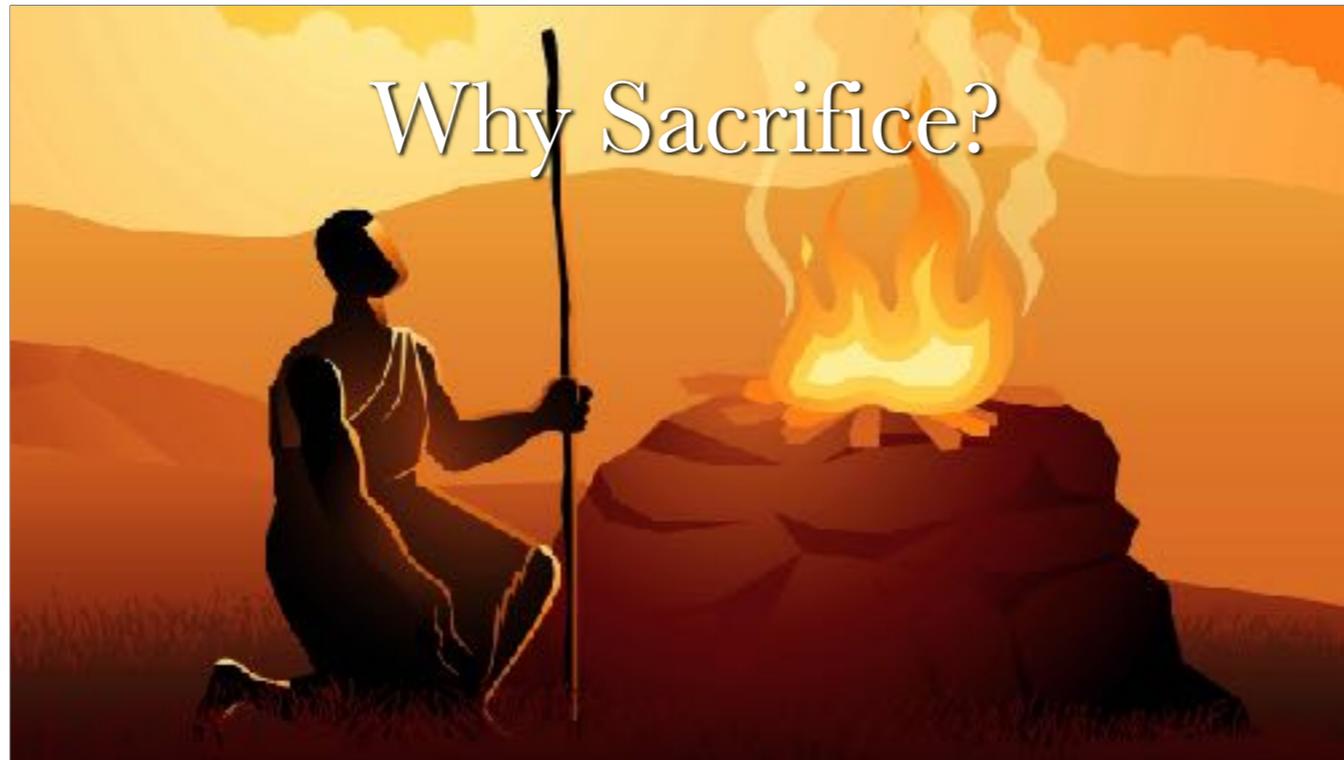
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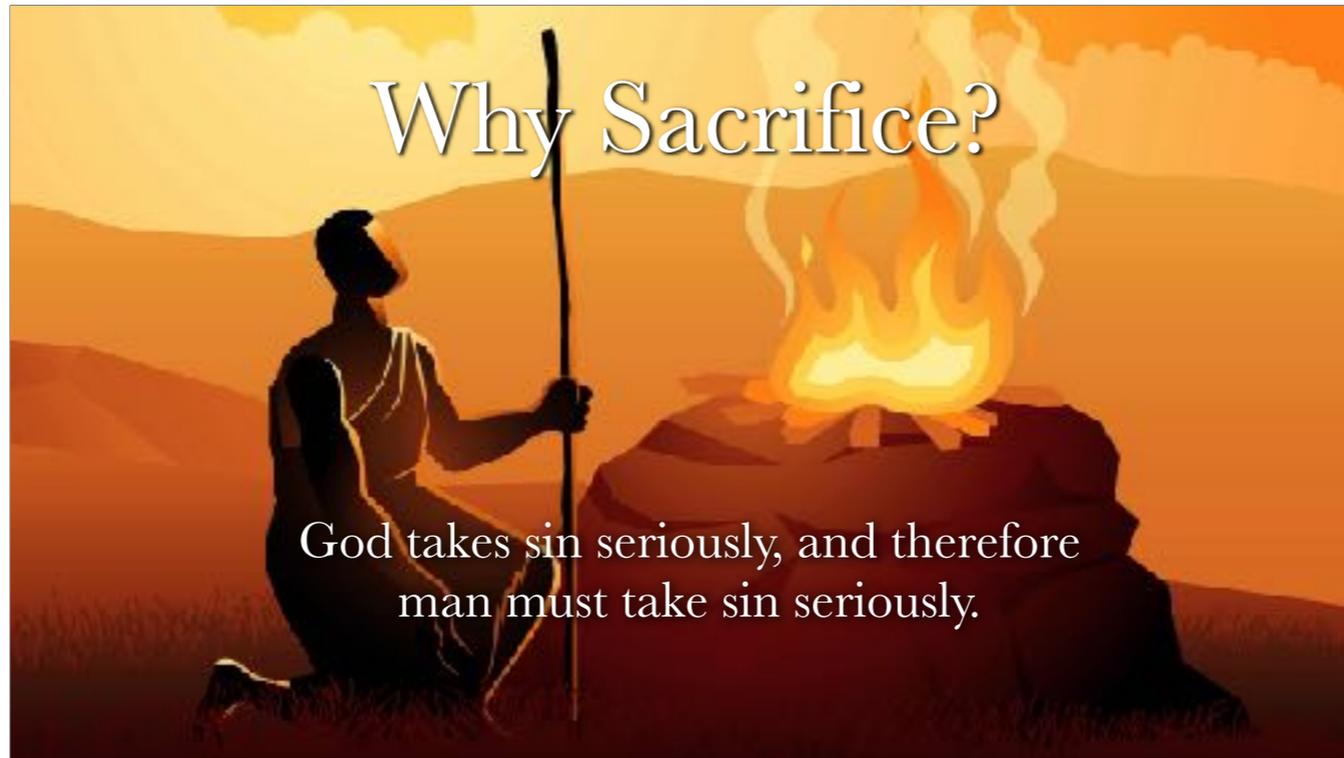
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- Hebrews 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
- When a sacrifice (innocent killed; blood shed) is offered to God from a humble and contrite sinner, then Jehovah accepts that sacrifice through His grace, mercy, and love and forgives the sins.



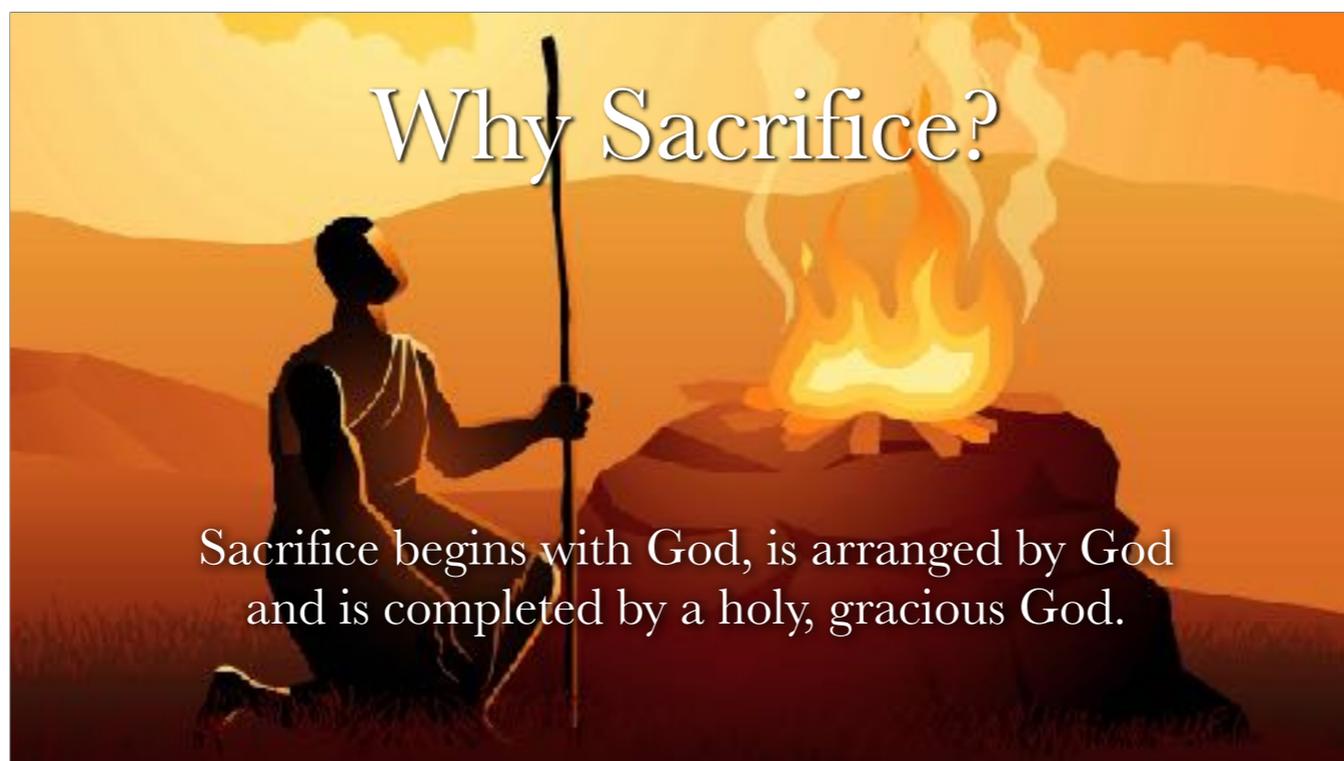
- He has not compromised His Holiness, nor demoralized the sinner.
- He is just and the justifier (Romans 3:26)
- Atonement is a rescuing, saving, redeeming business of our Father! (McGuiggan)



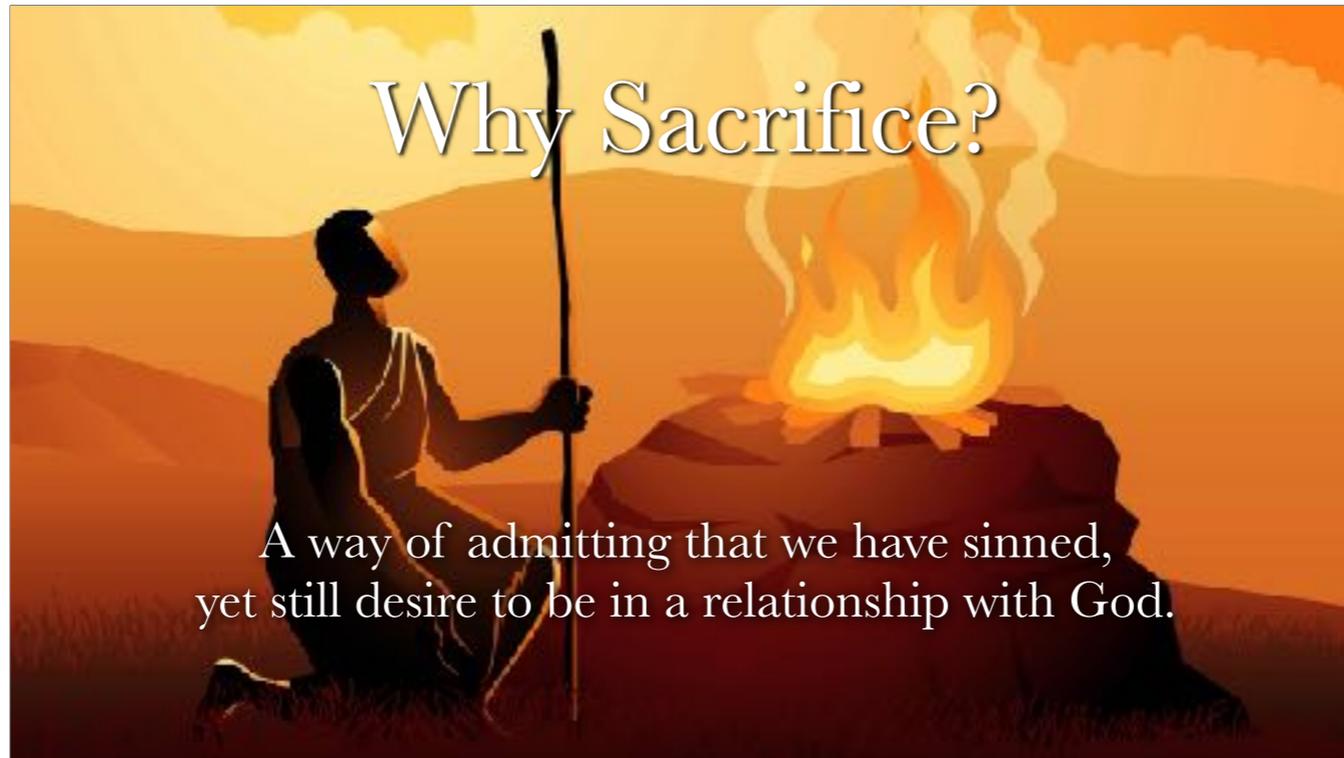
Why Sacrifice?



- God takes sin seriously and man must take sin seriously.



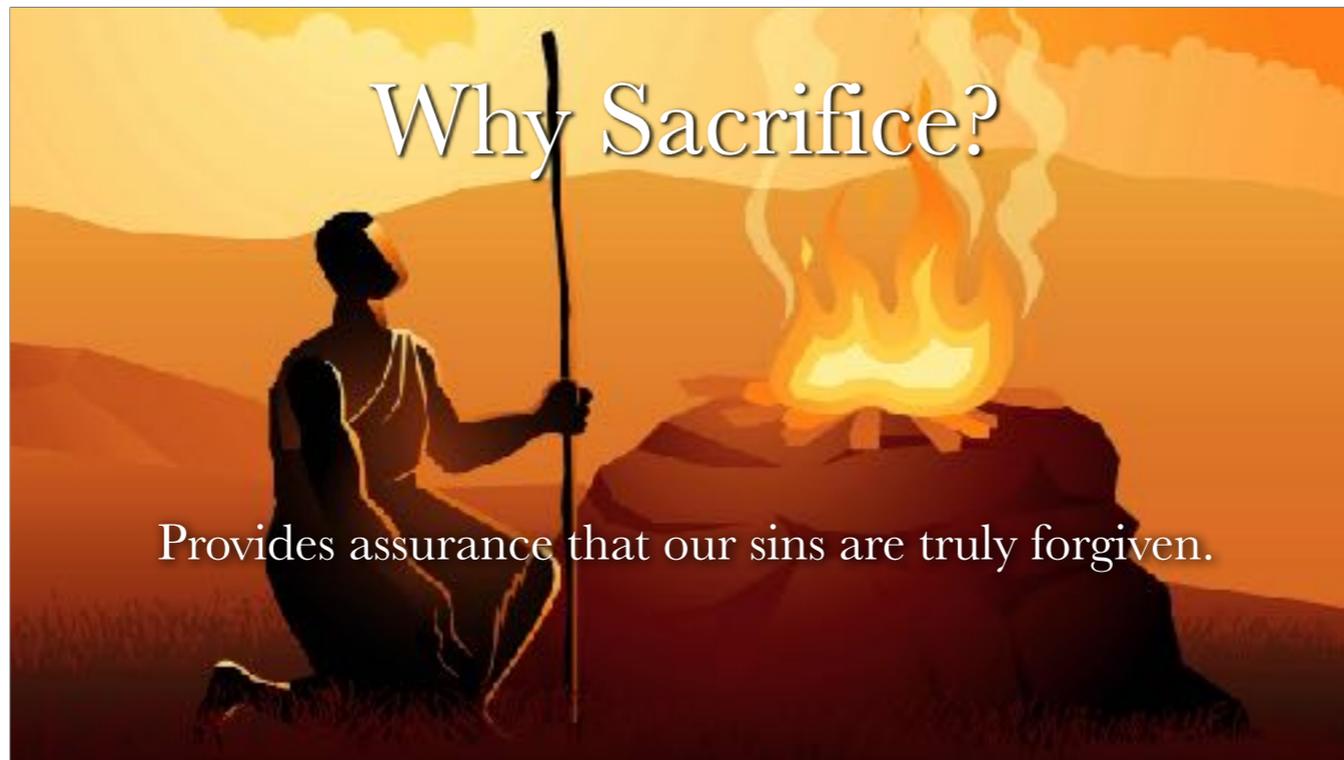
- Sacrifice and salvation begin with God, is arranged by God and is completed by a gracious and merciful, holy God.



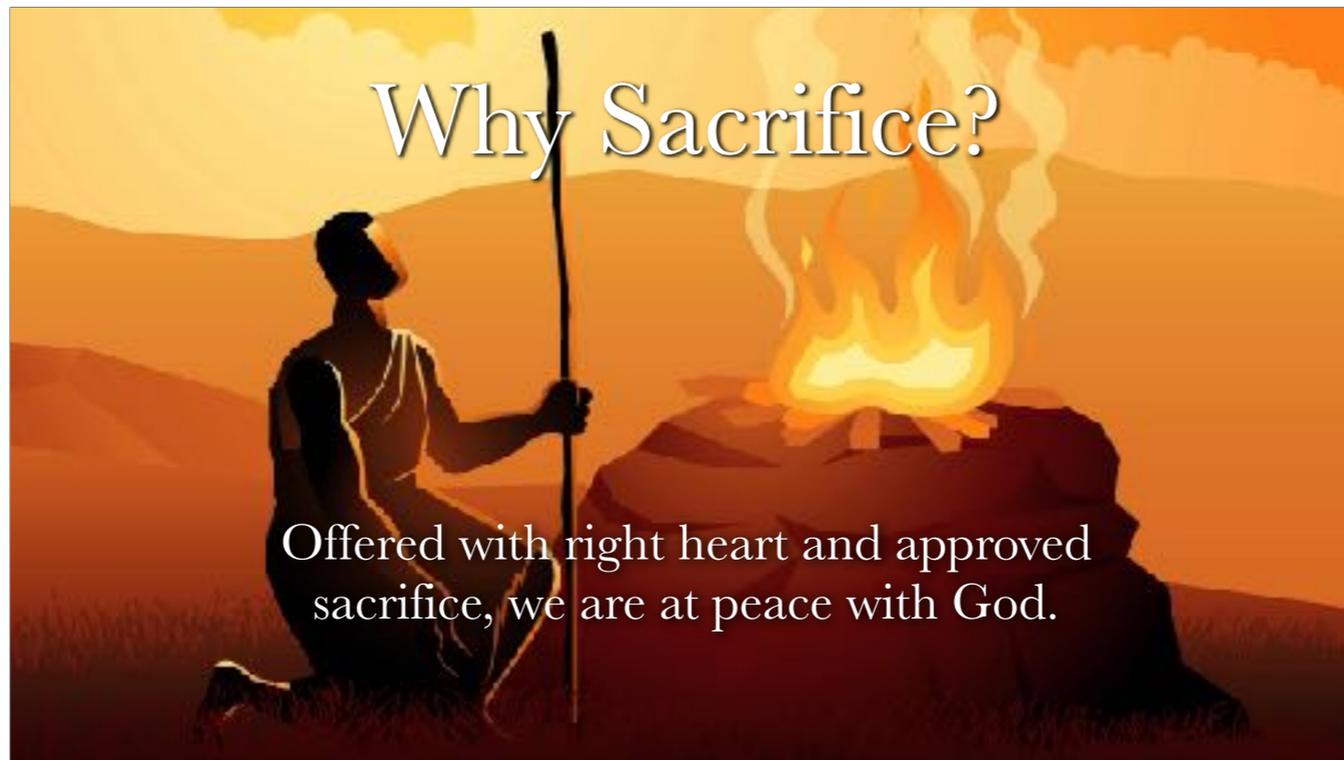
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A way of admitting that we have sinned,
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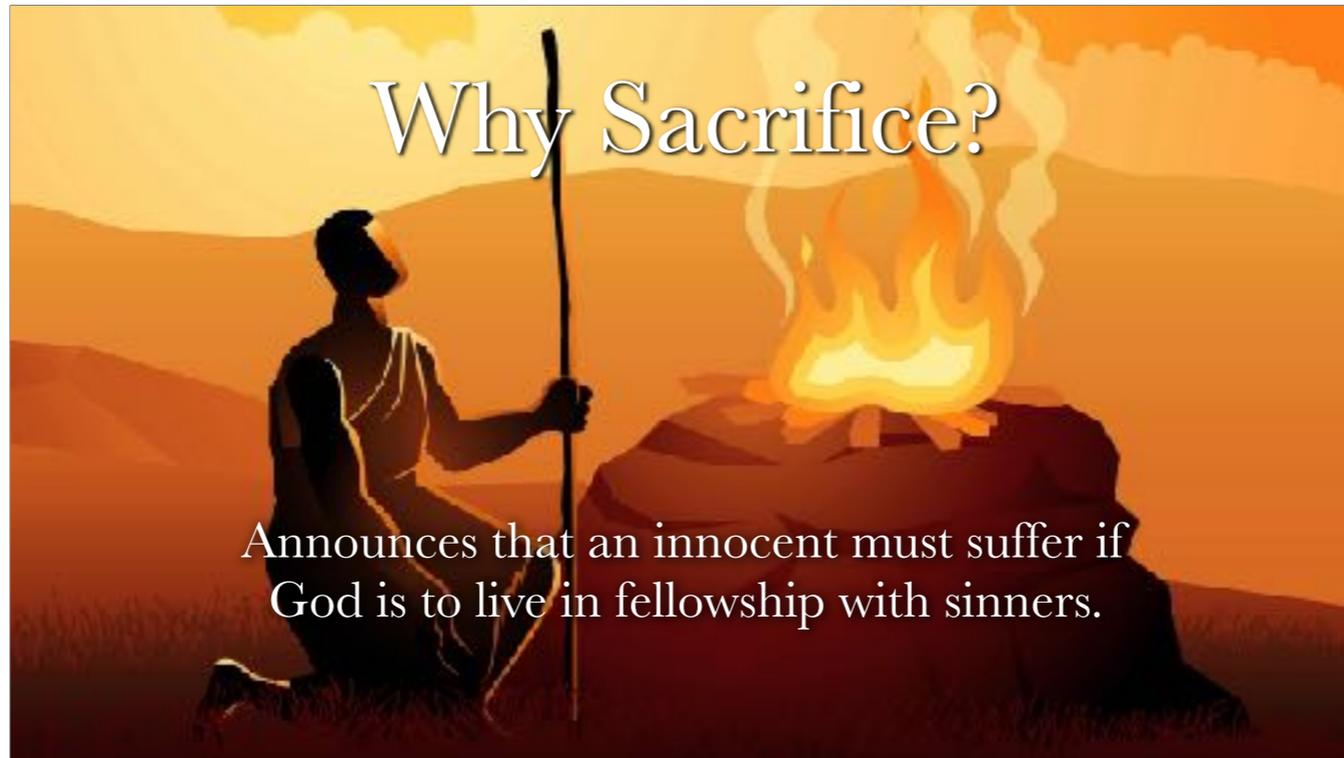
- Sacrifice provides a way of admitting that we have failed to obey God and yet still desire to be in a good relationship with Him.



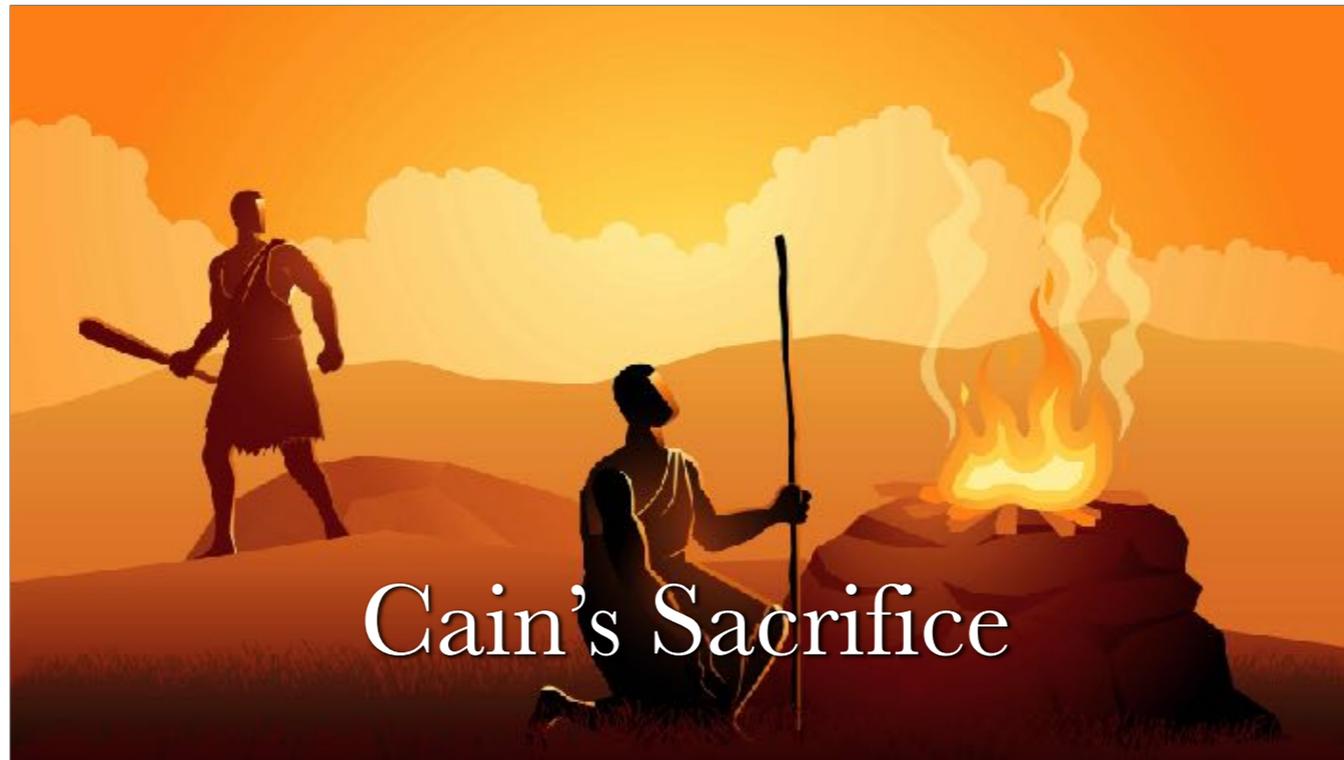
- Assurance that sins have truly been taken away, forgiven, and that we are in good standing with our God.



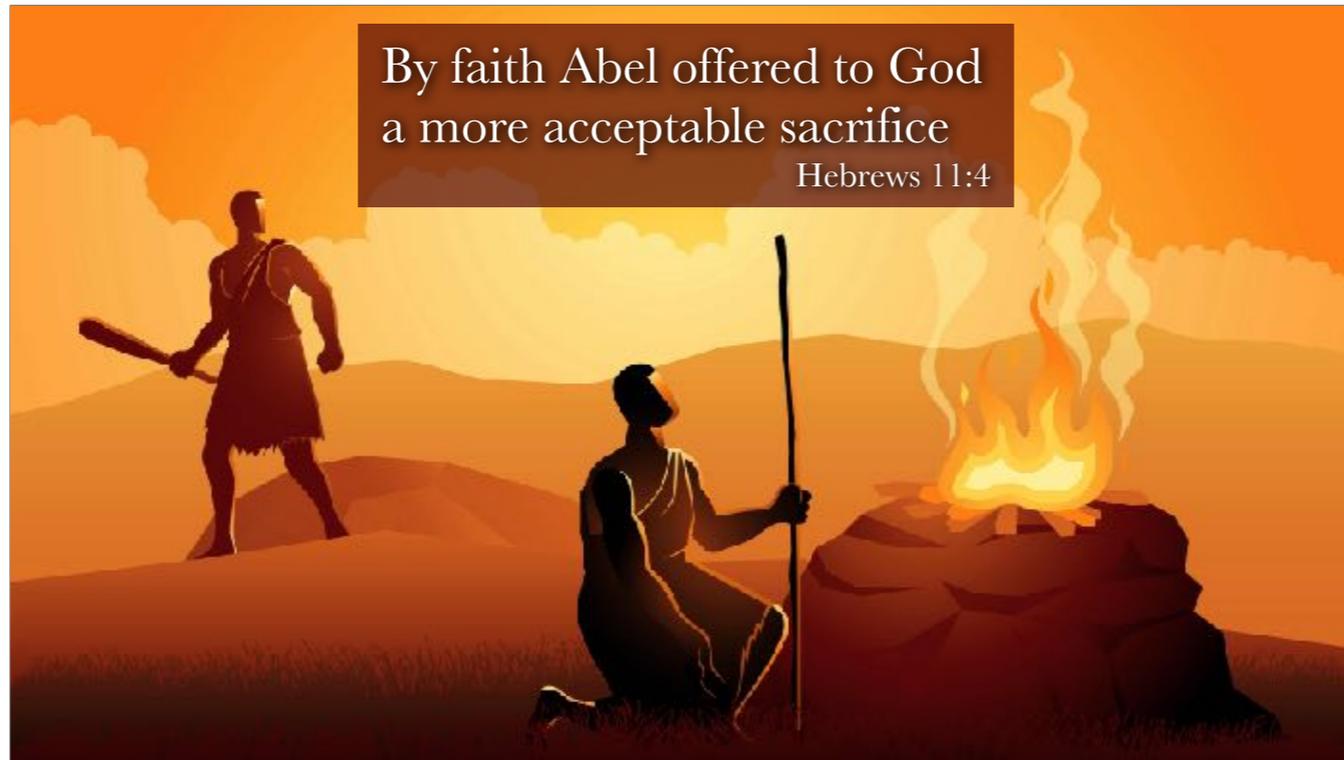
- Offered with a right heart and approved sacrifice, we are at peace with God.



- To announce clearly that something (and eventually Someone) with life, and innocent, must suffer if our God is to live in fellowship with sinners.
- Consider the realization that the animal that I have brought to the priest,
 - I've laid my hand on it's head, now dies because I sinned.
 - If random animal in a movie makes us sad, how much more should we be grieved by the death of animal, the blood, the life, so that I can be forgiven?

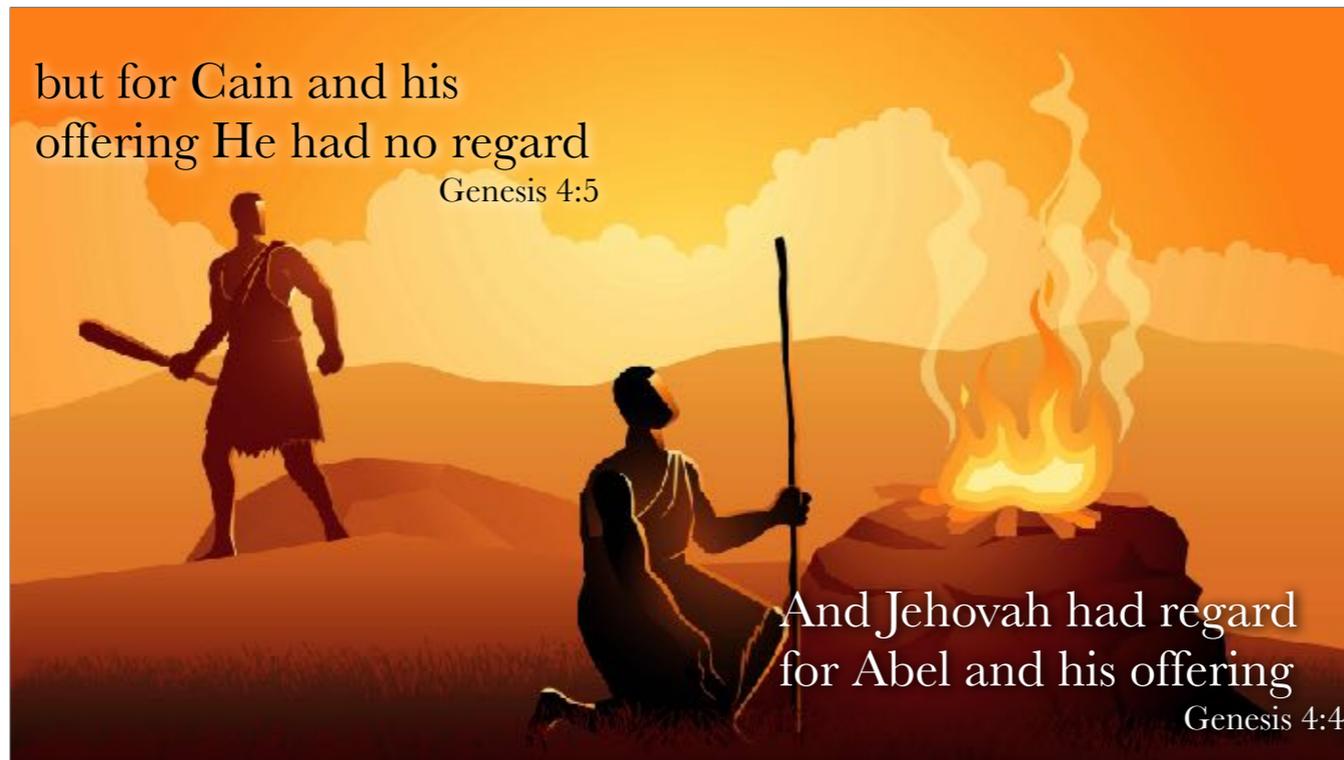


- Cain's Sacrifice
- A way of testing these ideas.



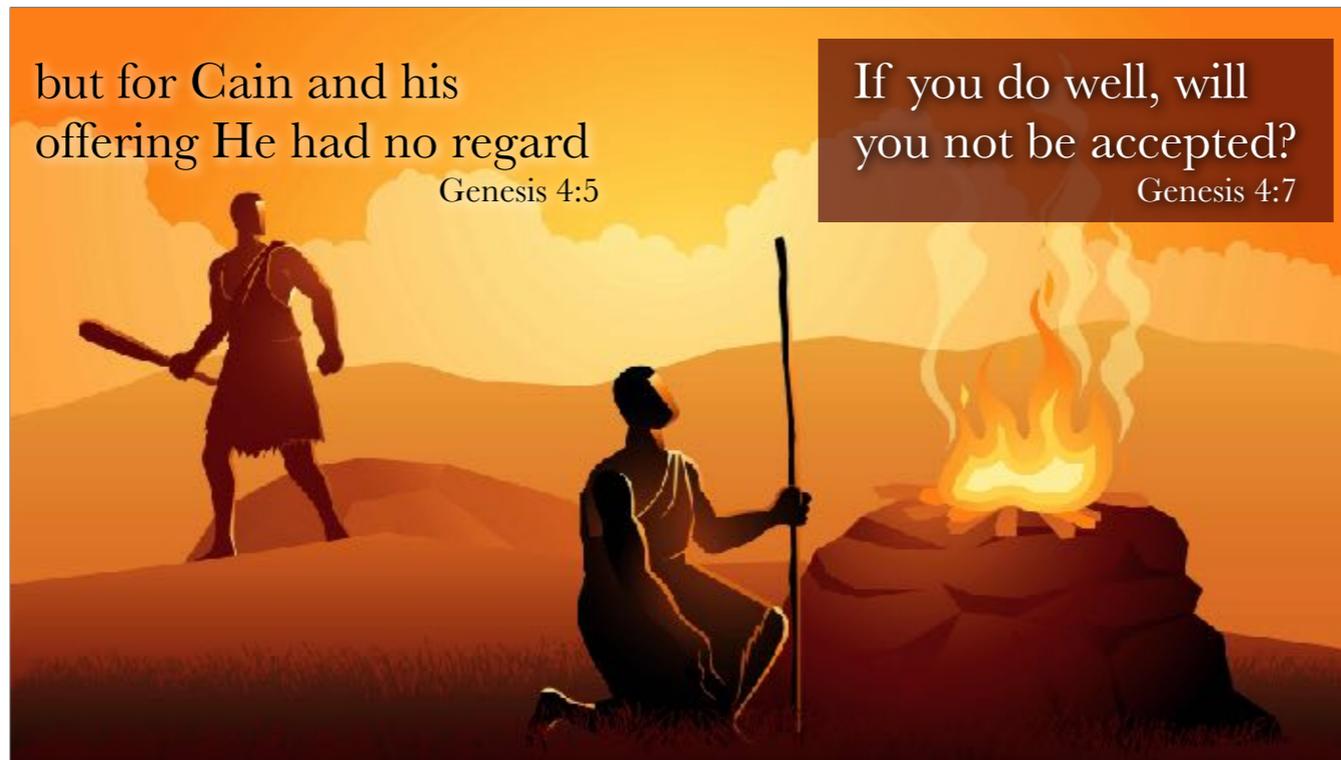
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Hebrews 11:4

- Hebrews 11:4:
 - By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain,
 - through which he was commended as righteous,
 - God commending him by accepting his gifts.
 - And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.



- Genesis 4:3-5:

- In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground,
- 4 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,
- 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard.



• Genesis 4:5-7:

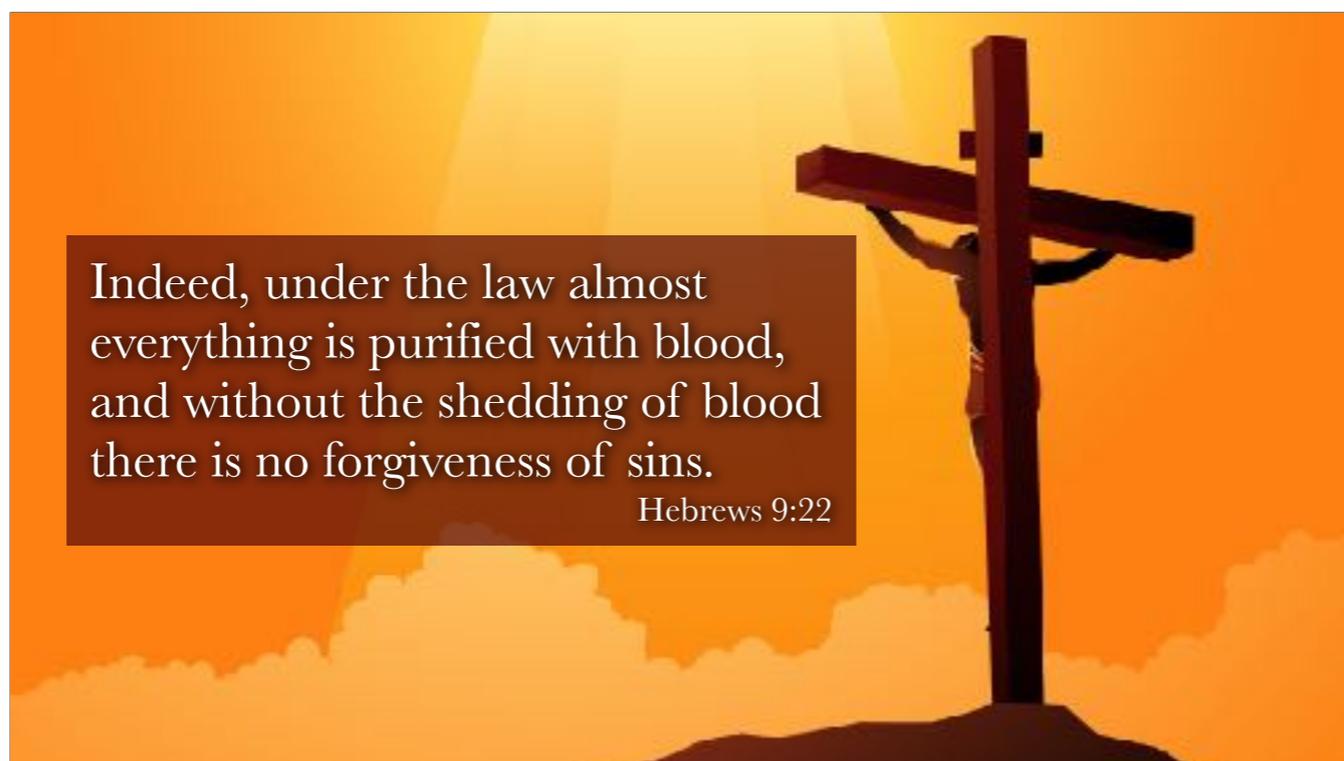
- So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.
- 6 The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?”
- 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted?
- And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door.
- Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”



- Sacrifice is God's way of helping us to be acceptable to Him.
- Jehovah, didn't accept Cain's sacrifice, yet still goes to Cain to HELP HIM!



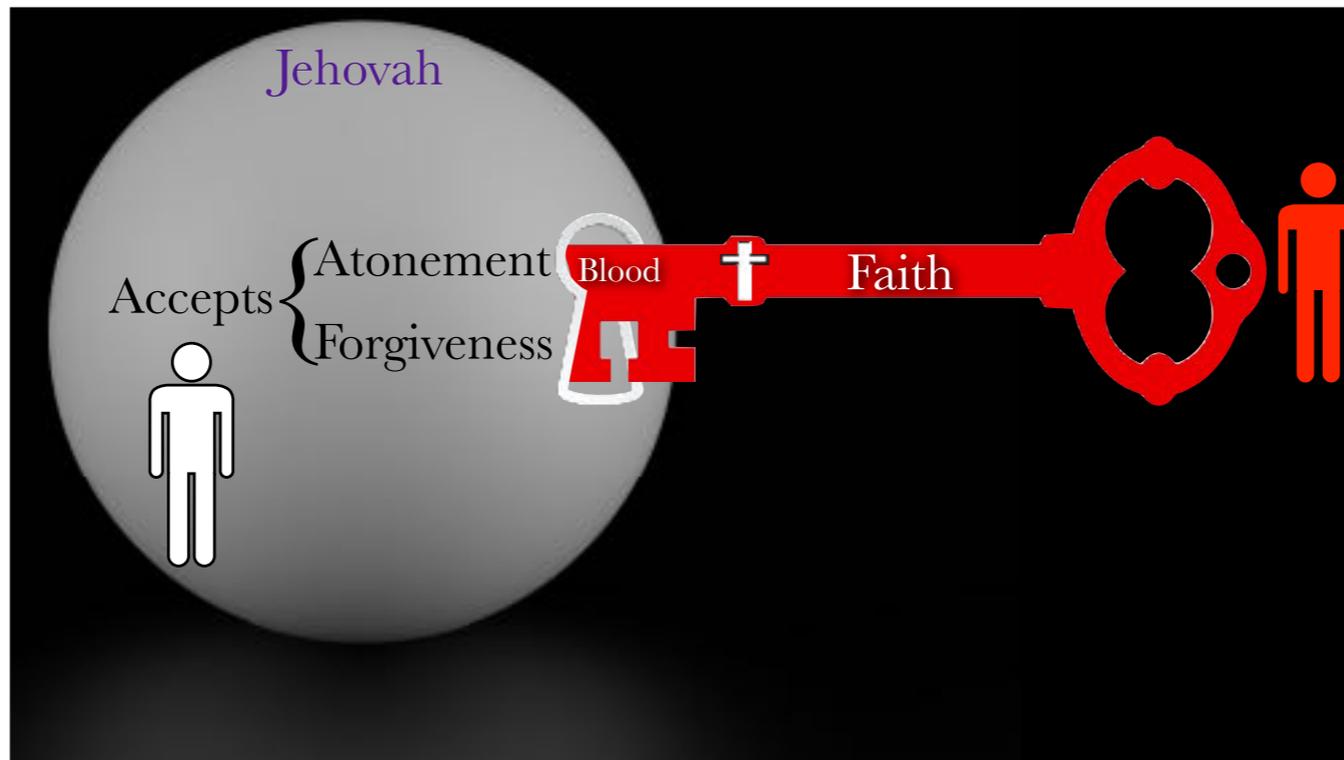
- Encourages obedience and faith!
- Not just appeasing God's wrath; providing a meaningful way of forgiveness and humility.



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- Sin separates man from God
- Repentance and Humility
- Sacrifice of innocent blood, life
- God's grace, atones and forgives.



- For us, it's vital to realize that the blood sacrifice that was made for us was through Jesus.
- Hebrews 9:12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.
- Romans 3:25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

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

2 Corinthians 5:20

Call to Action

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Without the Shedding of Blood

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Synopsis: Sacrifice, especially bloody sacrifice, is difficult for many of us. In this lesson, we'll examine why blood is necessary for forgiveness; along with God's grace and man's humble repentance. The Dragon Slayer by Jim McGuiggan, Jim McGuiggan

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