

7-28-2024 Sunday Sermon Message  
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16  
Text: Leviticus 4:1-35

Title: **Christ Jesus Sanctified Us by Dying Once as a Sin Offering**

The passage we read today in Leviticus 4 is a shadow of Christ Jesus, who will be a sin offering for the whole world and will shed His blood and die like an animal.

When the anointed priest sinned, he offered a blameless bull as a sin offering, when the whole congregation sinned because of ignorance, a he-goat without blemish, when the ruler did something that he should not have done because of ignorance, a young she-goat without blemish to be bled to death as a sin offering, when some of the common people did what they should not do. We can see Christ being the sin offering by shedding His blood and dying for all kinds of people in the world.

Now we see that people don't realize how great it is that everything ended with a single sacrifice in the blood of Christ. When the Israelites and we Christians realize the power of the Lamb's blood, we are filled with gratitude. Nowadays, people just say, "**I believe in Jesus. I believe in Jesus too.**" But I see that there isn't a lot of appreciation. This is because they do not know what it means to believe in Jesus, who was offered as a sin offering, that is, to receive grace. It's ignorance. The reason why Israelites and Gentiles need to read the Old Testament and study it with attitude is because they need to read it and understand it more deeply **so** that they can realize that God has saved sinners like me.

To follow the Old Testament sacrificial law is to "**repent**" today. Because they do not repent, the Holy Spirit does not enter, and because the Holy Spirit does not enter, they have no life, and because they have no life, they cannot become members of the church, which is the body of the Lord. Those who do not have the Holy Spirit cannot become members of the church, which is the body of the Lord, no matter how much they worship.

King David prophesied in the Holy Spirit about Christ Jesus who was about to die on the cross as a sin offering:

**"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?.....<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people....<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.<sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.  
.....<sup>25</sup> My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him."** (in Psalm 22)

Have you ever felt that the Lord has suffered this for you? Those who do not believe in the Lord will burn forever after death, like a red worm in a fiery pit, in an unquenchable fire. We must now suffer for the Lord, live like worms, and live a life in which we share in the Lord's suffering. God called Jacob a worm:

**"<sup>14</sup> Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.  
<sup>15</sup> Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.  
<sup>16</sup> Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel."**  
**(Isaiah 41:14-16)**

The prophet Isaiah prophesied of Christ Jesus, who would appear in the future as a sin offering:

**"yes, he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows, and yet we have come to think that he was chastised, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, and he was bruised for our iniquities. Discipline for our peace has been**

given to him, and with the stripes with which he has been smitten we are healed. He was oppressed and afflicted, and he opened not his mouth: for he is led to the slaughter like a lamb, and he opens not his mouth, just as he is silent before the shearers. He has been taken away from prison and trial, and who shall proclaim his generation? for he was cut off from the land of the living, and he was punished for the transgressions of thy people. ....<sup>10</sup> Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.<sup>11</sup> He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.”  
(in Isaiah 53)

Christ Jesus, who finally voluntarily appeared as a sin offering for all the world, proclaimed to all the world that He was the sin offering on the cross, just as David had foretold:

“<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.<sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?  
.....<sup>50</sup> Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.<sup>51</sup> And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;<sup>52</sup> And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,<sup>53</sup> And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.” (Matthew 27:45,46,50-53)

The Apostle Paul testified to the Hebrews of God's will regarding the sacrifices offered under the Law, including the sin offering, and the sacrifices offered by the Lord Jesus of Christ:

“<sup>10</sup> For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.<sup>2</sup> For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.<sup>3</sup> But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.<sup>4</sup> For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.<sup>5</sup> Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:<sup>6</sup> In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.<sup>7</sup> Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.<sup>8</sup> Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;<sup>9</sup> Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.<sup>10</sup> By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”  
(Hebrews 10:1-10)

Furthermore, the Apostle Paul testified of those who were sanctified by believing that Christ Jesus offered His body as a sin offering only once:

“<sup>11</sup> And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:<sup>12</sup> But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;<sup>13</sup> From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.<sup>14</sup> For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.  
“(Hebrews 10:11-14)  
Amen! Hallelujah!