

**Was the Blood of the Passover Lamb Enough?**

Why should a Christian study Leviticus?

*“How can an impure, sinful, and mortal creature find access into the presence of God?” – Allen Ross*

Understanding that moment of Israel’s history

The blood of the Passover lamb brought them out of slavery and gave them the promised land. Is that all there is to knowing God? Or is there something else going on?

*Before we get to the Promised Land, we have a long journey ahead of us of as a community living in God’s presence. That’s what Leviticus is about. How do we respect his holiness and walk in his ways?*

**We Need a Sacrifice for Sin**

Sin is inevitable on our journey to heaven

*Job 1:5 [Job would] offer burnt offerings according to the number of [all his sons]. For Job said, “It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.” Thus Job did continually.*

*The burnt offering was the most common of sacrifices, offered daily every morning and night.*

*The question is not “Will I sin?” It is “What will I do when I sin?”*

Sin needs atonement

“If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD. <sup>4</sup>He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.”

**We Can't Just Make Any Sacrifice**

Personal

*The worshipper placed his hand on the head of the animal.*

Precious

*It was a whole burnt offering, completely for God. None of it was given back to the worshippers.*

Perfect

*It was without blemish.*

Priestly

*Priests had to oversee the offering. You can only come to God the way he has allowed.*

**Christ Fulfills This Sacrifice**

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**Questions for Study and Reflection**

1. What was the historical situation/setting of the book of Leviticus? Why is this relevant?
2. What did Andrew Jukes mean when he said that the Blood of the Lamb wasn't enough? Why is there more to our salvation than just our initial deliverance from sin?
3. Meditate on the ritual of the sacrifice. What would it have been like to be giving a sacrifice? What would you have thought, felt, and sensed in that moment?
4. How does Christ fulfill all the elements of the burnt offering?