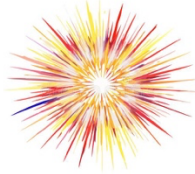


**OLD TESTAMENT SACRIFICE WAS  
INTENDED TO SIGNIFY MORE  
THAN MERE HOMAGE**



- ✘ Old Testament sacrifice was a divine revelation of possible eternal salvation if one had the right sacrifice.
- ✘ In its historical setting these sacrifices were provided in order to answer the question, *"How can a holy God live in the midst of a sinful people?"*
- ✘ The answer is found in the New Testament!!!

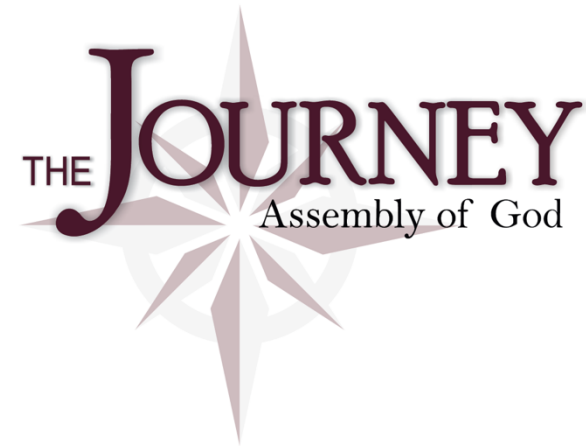
**The Sacrifices in the Old Testament Covenant'  
Are An Inferior Picture of a Supreme Sacrifice  
That Was Yet To Be Offered!**

- ✘ 1 Peter 1:18-21 – You were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
- ✘ 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10 – You as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- ✘ Romans 12:1 – I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."



**✘ MY NEXT STEPS  
TODAY...**

- ☐ **Read Leviticus 1-7** ~ In preparing my heart for the remaining messages in this series.
- ☐ **Spiritually Meditate on the Key Words Related to Sacrifice** ~ Allowing God to speak to me about my relationship and connection to these truths (Sin, Blood, Death, Wrath, Judgment / Substitution, Atonement, Appeasement, Satisfaction & Acceptance, Forgiveness).
- ☐ **Memorize Romans 12:1-2** ~ The theme verses of this summer message series and reflect on how I can present myself to God as a living sacrifice.
- ☐ **Make a Faith Decision** ~ Prayerfully place my **faith** in Jesus Christ, God's Son.



# ***MESSAGE GUIDE***

**Speaker: Pastor Mark Geer**  
**Sunday: June 22, 2025**



# Message Guide

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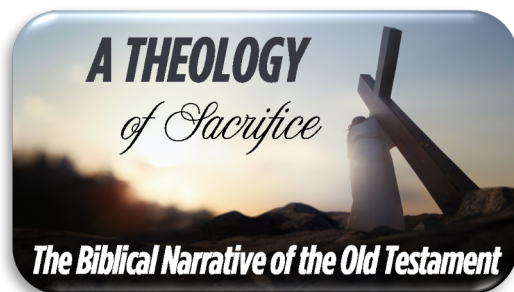
## A THEOLOGY OF SACRIFICE

Today's Message:

### #1 - An Introduction to the Concept of Sacrifice

"The Biblical Narrative of the  
Old Testament"

Text: Genesis 3:21; 4:1-5; 8:20-22; 22:1-19; Exodus 12:1-50;  
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## An Introduction to the Concept of Sacrifice "The Biblical Narrative of the Old Testament"

### A THEOLOGY OF SACRIFICE

- ✧ Summer Series Objective – To introduce the concept of sacrifice that is prevalent in the Old and New Testament narratives and bring meaning to these sacrifices and the implications they have for our lives.

### A DEFINITION OF SACRIFICE

- ✧ Fred Zaspel – "The biblical idea of sacrifice concerns the way of approach to God, finding acceptance before him by means of an acceptable substitute offered in place of the sinner and bearing the curse of sin." <sup>1</sup>

✧ Old Testament Sacrifices / New Testament Fulfillment / **FAITH!**

### KEY WORDS RELATED TO SACRIFICE

- ✧ On the darker side: Sin / Blood / Death / Wrath / Judgment
- ✧ On the brighter side: Substitution / Atonement / Appeasement / Satisfaction & Acceptance / Forgiveness
- ✧ Fred Zaspel – "The prominent ideas in Old Testament sacrifice are sin, guilt and judgment on the one hand and satisfaction, expiation, forgiveness, and reconciliation on the other." <sup>2</sup>

### PROMINENT IDEAS OF SACRIFICE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- ✧ Genesis 3:21 – Adam & Eve
- ✧ Genesis 4:2-8 – Cain & Abel
- ✧ Genesis 8:20-21 – Noah
- ✧ Genesis 12:7-8; 13:4, 18 – Abram / Genesis 22:1-18 - Abraham
- ✧ Genesis 26:23-25 – Isaac
- ✧ Genesis 31:53-54; 33:20; 35:1-7; 46:1-4 – Jacob
- ✧ Job 1:4-5; 42:7-8 – Job
- ✧ Exodus 3:18; 5:3; 12; 17:15 – God Delivering Israel from Egypt
- ✧ Exodus 20ff – The Sacrificial System Introduced
- ✧ Leviticus 1-7 – The Specific Sacrifices / Offerings Established
  - ✧ Leviticus 1 – The \_\_\_\_\_ Offering
  - ✧ Leviticus 2 – The \_\_\_\_\_ Offering
  - ✧ Leviticus 3 – The \_\_\_\_\_ Offering
  - ✧ Leviticus 4 – The \_\_\_\_\_ Offering
  - ✧ Leviticus 5 – The \_\_\_\_\_ / Guilt Offering
  - ✧ Note: Leviticus 5:10 and 16:22



Endnotes: Zaspel, Fred., The Theology of Sacrifice (The Gospel Coalition, This essay is part of the Concise Theology series, June 3, 2025), An Online Resource:  
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/the-theology-of-sacrifice/> (Accessed 4/27/2025).

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*For The Week of June 22 - 28, 2025*

SUMMER MESSAGE SERIES:

A THEOLOGY OF SACRIFICE

Today's Message:

**#1 – An Introduction to the Concept of Sacrifice**

*"The Biblical Narrative of the Old Testament"*

Genesis 3:21; 4:1-5; 8:20-22; 22:1-19; Exodus 12:1-50;

Leviticus 1-7; 1 Peter 1:18-21; 2:4-5, 9-10

## ***"An Introduction to the Concept of Sacrifice"***

1. What has been your experience, if any, of reading through the Old Testament and coming across endless passages relating to sacrifices and the blood of animals being shed?
2. Does it bother you that this is in the Bible? Does it turn you off in certain ways as either disgusting or unnecessary?
3. Have you ever killed an animal in any way? How did it make you feel?

## **A Definition of Sacrifice**

1. How would you define the concept of "Sacrifice"?
2. In the definition of sacrifice used Sunday as quoted from Fred Zaspel there is a concept within sacrifice of "approaching God", finding acceptance before him through an acceptable substitute offered in my place as a sinner and that substitute bearing the curse of my sin."

***How Does That Make You Feel?***

## **Key Words Related To Sacrifice**

- 1) Give your sense or understanding surrounding the following words related to sacrifice and whether or not you feel you can relate to them.
  - ✘ On the darker side: Sin / Blood / Death / Wrath / Judgment
  - ✘ On the brighter side: Substitution / Atonement / Appeasement / Satisfaction & Acceptance / Forgiveness
- 2) Have any of these words ever been relevant to your daily life or relationship when someone has either done you wrong or crossed you negatively and then later there was an attempt at reconciliation?
  - ✘ i.e., "There will be blood shed tonight!" / "Once I find out who did this, someone is going to pay!" / "Judgment is about to fall!"
  - ✘ i.e., "They made restitution for my wrecked vehicle." / "The recompensatory payment for my loss was greatly appealing to me and beyond my expectation of satisfaction." / "All is forgiven!"

## **Prominent Ideas of Sacrifice in the Old Testament**

- 1) Which of the Biblical examples given in Sunday message resonated with you the most when it came to the sacrifices in the Old Testament?
- 2) Which of the sacrifices from Leviticus 1-7 are the most confusing to you?
- 3) Do you think this message series will draw you closer to Jesus and the work that He has done for us at Calvary?
- 4) How will you determine to get the most out of this summer series? Consider some of the following possibilities...
  - a) Read all of the Scripture references before each Sunday.
  - b) Listen to the message a second time online with a friend.
  - c) Memorize Romans 12:1-2 and seek to apply it every day.
  - d) Watch a movie related to the crucifixion of Jesus and ponder how His sacrifice upon the cross of Calvary has impacted my life. (i.e., The Gospel According to John; The Gospel According to Matthew; The Greatest Story Ever Told; Son of God; The Passion of the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth.)

