

Poured Out: A Study on Sacrifice

Week 2 – Drawing Near Through Blood (Leviticus 4; Hebrews 9–10)

Use these questions to reflect on how God established sacrifice as a way for His people to draw near, and how Jesus fulfills and transforms that system forever.

1. Sacrifice and Drawing Near

- The Hebrew word for offering ("that which draws near") reframes how we think about sacrifice. How does this change your understanding of Old Testament offerings?
- Why do you think God desires nearness with His people even when sin separates them?

2. God's Provision in the Law

- According to Leviticus 4:1–7, who provides the instructions and the means for sacrifice?
- What does this teach us about where holiness comes from?
- Why is it important to remember that God—not people—initiates reconciliation?

3. The Role of Blood

- Read Leviticus 17:11. Why is blood so central to the sacrificial system?
- How does the repeated sprinkling of blood (seven times) emphasize completion and restoration?
- Why is life required to address the consequences of sin?

4. Limits of Old Testament Sacrifices

- Hebrews 10:1–4 says that animal sacrifices could not take away sin. What *did* they accomplish?
- How does this help us better understand the purpose of the Law?

5. Jesus: The Better and Final Sacrifice

- According to Hebrews 9:23–28 and Hebrews 10:14, what makes Jesus' sacrifice different from all others?
- Why is it significant that Jesus' sacrifice is once-for-all and eternal?

6. The Torn Veil

- Read Matthew 27:51. What does the tearing of the temple veil symbolize?
- How does this change who can approach God and how?

7. From Access to Adoption

- Read Romans 8:16–17. What does it mean to be a child of God and a co-heir with Christ?
- How is being God's child different from simply being allowed into His presence?

8. Living as a Response

- Romans 12:1 calls believers to be living sacrifices. What does that look like in everyday life?
- How does knowing the cost of Jesus' sacrifice shape the way you follow Him?

Closing Prayer

Thank God for making a way to draw near, for the perfect sacrifice of Jesus, and for calling us not just servants—but His children.