



Behold The Lamb of God

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Have you ever been
Hungry?

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“We love because he first loved us. Brethren, I was ready to perish under **a sense of sin**; I was all but damned; I felt the wrath of God surging in my soul like a sea of fire, I found no relief or comfort. Even the Word of God did not cheer me. They told me of believing in Jesus;” - **C.H. Spurgeon**

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O.T. Reference of the Lamb

Genesis 22:6 - 22:12

Then Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and put it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Then Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” And he said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” And Abraham said, “**God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.**” So the two of them walked on together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood and bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar, on top of the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of Yahweh called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” And He said, “Do not stretch out your hand against the boy, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only one, from Me.”

O.T. Reference of the Lamb

Exodus 12 (Pass Over) (Our need for the blood of the lamb.)

Your lamb shall be a male, without blemish, a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats...—I am Yahweh. And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and I will see the blood, and I will pass over you, and there shall be no plague among you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Exodus 29:38 - 29:42

“Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two one year old lambs each day, continuously. The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the second lamb you shall offer at twilight; and there shall be one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering with the one lamb. The second lamb you shall offer at twilight, and you shall offer with it the same grain offering and the same drink offering as in the morning, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to Yahweh.

It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the doorway of the tent of meeting before Yahweh, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there.

N.T. Reference

1 Peter 1:18 - 1:19

knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things like silver or gold from your futile conduct inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

Revelation 5:6

Then I saw in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

The Weight of Sin

Matthew 3:10 - 3:12

And the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

The Weight of Sin

Matthew 25:41 - 25:46

“Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’ Then they themselves also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

How

Isaiah 53:4 - 53:6

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried;
Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and
afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our peace
fell upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed. All of us like
sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way;
But Yahweh has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

Purpose of John's Baptism (v.30-31)

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Prepare the people for Jesus the Lamb of God

Matthew 3:1 - 3:3

Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet, saying, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight!’”

John 3:30

He must increase, but I must decrease.

His Pronouncement (v.32-33)

And John bore witness saying, “I have beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He abided on Him. And I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘The One upon whom you see the Spirit descending and abiding on Him, this is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’”

When did this take Place

Matthew 3:13 - 3:17

Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John to be baptized by him. But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he permitted Him. And after being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him, and behold, there was a voice out of the heavens saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

The Power of The Spirit

Isaiah 42:1:

“Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.”

Isaiah 61:1:

(This is the text Jesus quoted about himself in Luke 4:18) “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.”

The Power of The Spirit

John 6:63

The Spirit is the One who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

John 15:26:

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.” We will have much to say about this glorious internal witness of the Spirit to Jesus Christ, but suffice it say for now, that if any of you sees Christ as compellingly worthy and true, it is because of the work of the Spirit in your life. As Paul said in 1 Corinthians 12:3, “No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.”

His Protestation (v.34)

And I myself have seen, and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

Protestations: an emphatic declaration that something is or is not the case.

John Testified of Jesus

First, he testified to His pre-existence—“He was before me,” verse 15. Second, He testified to His Lordship, verse 23. Third, he testified to His immeasurable superiority—“I am not worthy to unloose” His “shoe’s latchet,” verse 27. Fourth, he testified to His sacrificial work—“Behold the lamb,” verse 29. Fifth, he testified to His moral perfections—“I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him,” verse 32. Sixth, he testified to His Divine right to baptize with the Holy Spirit, verse 33. Seventh, he testified to His Divine Sonship, verse 34.

“And now let us bow
down before the Majesty
of our Gracious God”

