

Hebrews 7.27

Without Continual Sacrifice

There is a startling contrast between the old priesthood with its daily sacrifices and the once for all reality of Jesus' death for sinners. It is a glorious thing that is so hard for us to comprehend that we often are guilty of trying to add something to it, to complicate the simple act of faith in Jesus with the false hope of our works. Our religious practices, our religious symbols and icons, our sacred places, beautiful sanctuaries and our "holy men" can in no manner help us find God. Neither will they bring God closer to us... It is the blood of Jesus Christ alone that transcends the barrier our sins create, He ALONE paid the price, one time for all who will be saved! There is no need for us to pretend to repeat it, and no need for Christ to redo what He has already accomplished. Those who are found in Christ are forever forgiven.. And Jesus Christ has no need to continually die for sin, for He has already, once for all, paid the price to save those chosen by the Father!

I. WHY DID THEY OFFER

A. God told them to - to teach them that they could never fulfill what was needed.

Galatians 3.21-25

B. The things they offered were not worth enough
“For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.” (Hebrews 10:4, NKJV)

C. Their own sin, as well as the sin of the people constantly needed new blood and offering.
“As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.”” (Romans 3:10–12, NKJV)

D. The whole system was designed to enforce this deep and abiding need. Our soul's need for God, the need for intervention, the need to be rescued from that which we could not escape... The need for God to be all that He is for us, and yet for us to somehow be given a means of being near Him that does not destroy us...

II. THE PRIESTHOOD OFFERED

A. Daily offered for their own sin -

“if the anointed priest sins, bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer to the Lord for his sin which he has sinned a young bull without blemish as a sin offering.” (Leviticus 4:3, NKJV)

B. At the great sacrifice offered for themselves, then for the people. For if they had their own sin to deal with they could not help for the sin of the nation.

1. Consider **Leviticus 16**

a.vv 1-15 Priest offer to cleanse themselves

b. vv 16 - and following details the cleansing of the altar and the holy place and then the people...

2. They really were sinners like the rest

3. Even the place of offering had to be cleansed.

4. They could only foreshadow the One who needed no sacrifice.

C. No sinful man is fit to offer.

III. JESUS DID NOT OFFER DAILY

A. He was holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners...

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

B. His blood was worth all things

“For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

(Matthew 26:28, NKJV)

“For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.” (Colossians 1:19–20, NKJV)

C. The price having been paid on our account was enough to remove all our sin forever; past, present and future... further, he had no sin of his own to deal with

D. God requires only that which is needful. He demands faith and obedience to that which is upright and honoring to Him, but does not in any fashion demand anything that is without purpose.

IV. JESUS OFFERED ETERNALLY

A. Offer the perfect sacrifice - a lamb without spot or blemish

“And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (1 Peter 1:17–19, NKJV)

B. He became our sin - **without taking the moral stain** for He was innocent

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21, NKJV)

C. He did NOT need any sort of offering for Himself however. For He was sinless.

D. He offered once - It was sufficient. It need not be repeated. Ever. It certainly need not be repeated in a million churches daily...

E. He offered His own flesh, His own blood

1. He was worthy

2. He was OF us

3. The blood of animals was neither (though more worthy than we)

“With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” (Micah 6:6–7, NKJV)

F. Christ's excellency removed the mandates of the Levitical law's requirements for the priesthood

V. ONLY THE LAMB

A. No sacrifice could bring us to God but the perfect one alone.

1. He had a body prepared for this purpose
2. The sacrifice was so filled with all perfection that God **could require nothing more** for all eternity.
3. This means that He is still the sole supply of all our need.

B. The Levitical law was burdensome and unendurable

“Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?” (Acts 15:10, NKJV)

C. But Christ delivers us from its weight.

“All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

(Matthew 11:27–30, NKJV)