

# A Sacrifice for Sin

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[ 0 : 00 ] And we shall sing to his praise from Psalm 51. Psalm 51.

We can read from the beginning of the psalm. After thy living kindness, Lord, have mercy upon me, for thy compassion's great blot out all mine iniquity.

Me cleanse from sin and throughly wash from mine iniquity. For my transgressions I confess my sin I ever see.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned in thy sight and the sill, that when thou speakst thou mayst be just and clear in judging still.

Behold, I in iniquity was formed the womb within. My mother also may conceive in guiltiness and sin. Behold thou in inward parts with truth delighted art, and wisdom thou shalt make me know within the hidden part.

[ 1 : 09 ] Do thou with hyssop sprinkle me, I shall be cleansed so. Yea, wash thou me, and then I shall be whiter than the snow. Of gladness and of joyfulness make me to hear the voice, that so these very bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

All mine iniquities blot out, thy face hide from my sin. Create a clean heart, Lord, renew the right spirit me within.

We're going to sing from verse 4, 6 stanzas. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned. In thy sight done the sill.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned.

In thy sight done the sill. The bread that speaks of his be just, For fear in judging still.

[ 2 : 23 ] She came from afar. She came from afar. She came from afar. She came from afar. She came from afar.

She came from afar. ■■■ j próximo 4 Zoe, She came from afar. Her hair is broke. My mother asked me, She came from afar. She came from afar.

In guiltiness of sin Behold the way In your parts With the light in the heart And with storm thou shalt make me know Within the heaven bar To the wilderness of spring to me I shall be cleansed all In a wash of rain

And then I shall be white And down the snow Of gladness and of joyfulness Make me to hear the voice That so holy, holy, holy, holy With the heart broken they rejoice All my name With His love And thy days I draw my stand

He is the rain Our Lord renew Arise and be with Him Let us join together in prayer Let us pray O Lord we give thanks that You encourage Your people to come to you To come even into the presence of a God who is holy When they themselves Are so far Removed from that But they can come if they But To recognise that you are God And that they must come to you Despite being sinners

[ 5 : 58 ] That you are not receiving them Because they are not sinners That they come Like the psalmist Who elsewhere Has acknowledged I thereupon Have unto thee My sin acknowledged And likewise Mine iniquity I have not covered Thy will confess And to the Lord My trespasses Said I And of my sin Freely didst Forgive the iniquity There is not only An understanding there Of a person Who is a sinner But that there is a God Who is willing To receive them Even though they are sinners And give them Forgiveness And show mercy to them And not only do that But In the fullness of time In the experience of grace

In whatever way They come to Know that God Is a God of mercy Their sin is covered We bless you And thank you For the means That you have ordained By which that is possible Even through Christ Jesus The Saviour of sinners We come in his name Pleading the merits Of his finished work Thankful That in so doing You are willing To take us And to receive us As penitent sinners We pray your blessing Upon your word As we gather Under it today Thankful that it speaks To us At the point of our need However many there are And how many Ever varied Our needs may be You are able to deal With us According to these needs To the infinite capacity That you have To show wisdom

It is said of Solomon Of all that he gathered From near and far To derive benefit From the wisdom of Solomon He exercised judgment As it was imparted to him By your own hand And yet there is wiser Than Solomon There is one Who is more powerful Than Solomon There is one Who is richer Than Solomon And we give thanks That you have given to us Some knowledge of him We would pray Your blessing upon us This evening As a congregation As we meet together In this fashion We pray that you would Bless your word to us That you would encourage Your people To pray for themselves And for the blessing of God To be that portion That there would be A portion That would be shared Amongst The congregation

Not just to those Who profess your name But to others Just as it was the case When Israel went to war That the ones That stayed at home Whatever reason Kept them home Free from the battlefield That when they came back With spoils They had their share Of these spoils And we pray That you people Might have the same desire To dispense Amongst the needy The blessings Of the Most High Whatever their needs May be There are those Who are frail And elderly Who are housebound Who are denied access To the public means Of grace Just as we all are At this present time But in our need You are imparting to us Out of the storehouses Of the Most High We pray that you would Encourage us To remember others That we may Like

Like sheep Be able to Do the cut To do the cut And that which is A chewed bias That it may be passed From our mouth To the mouth Of others That what they might Find difficult to digest Because of that process That it may be the means By which They are able to Receive succor In their weakened condition Pray for the lambs The newborn lambs Surround us At this present time You see They are born Into the world In frail Condition Depending on Their mother's Milk To be sustained So it is For your people When they are Newborn They are In need of Sustenance

[ 11 : 02 ] And the church Is there To sustain The newborns Even as you have Entrusted that To them Teaching us That we are to Desire The sincere Milk of the gospel That we may Grow Thereby Lord help us To Be diligent In bearing One another's Burdens Do it Practically And do it Spiritually And do it Meaningfully And do it Without Reserve Care Less About who Is seeing What we are Doing Not understanding What we are Doing or why If we do it For the right Reasons If we do it For your glory If we do it With a desire That the church Of Christ Would be Strengthened We do well So we commit All things To you That you may Guide the hands And the feet And the eyes And the ears Of your people That they may

Know to do well In your name Visit the sick In mercy Heal them We pray All who have Serious illness To contend with We commit To your care And later recovery Be they at home Or in hospital Be they frail And elderly Care for In such places That are reserved For them Remember all Whose duty It is To minister To them Nurses And doctors And carers May they do Wisely What they are Inable to do With your help Visit the In mercy Those who are Grieved Grieving at this time Those who are Sorrowful Those whose hearts Are broken Breaches Are made In the family Circle From time To time You take away The elderly You take away The young You take away By accident You take away Through the natural Processes Of bodies Breaking up Yet Lord We must learn That death

Is a strange Thing It is not Meant to be But it is Ordained by Reason of our Sin And our Sin Deserves The wrath And the curse Of God Teach us To hear what You are saying To us Through your word So bless Bless all We entrust To your Care this Day Bless the Needs Of our Nation Remember the Queen of This time And her Family As they Continue the Grieving process May it be Genuine May they Understand the Meaning of Death May they Understand The need That there Is to Prepare For the Day That we Must take Our leave Of this World And stand Before the Judgment Seat of God We pray That you Would Direct us To Christ Who will Sit upon That Judgment Seat We are All Accountable To him And answerable And the Day will Show that And there Will be No

Reprieve From it So watch Over as We pray Now Continue To bless Your word As it Is preached This day We give Thanks for For the News that We hear Of newborn For quickening We pray That we Would Not only Hear it Elsewhere But hear Of it Here In this Place In this Corner Of your Vineyard Steer Us up We pray Grant Mercy For our Sins In Jesus For we Ask With Forgiveness Of sin In him Amen Going to Read from The scriptures Of the Old Testament In the Book of Leviticus Chapter 4 Chapter 4 And this Chapter has To do With the Sin offering The sin Offering As it Is part Of the Old Testament The Levitical Dispensation And we Can take Up a Reading In this

Chapter Verse 16 Read from Verse 15 And the Elders Of the Congregation Shall lay Their Hands upon The head Of the Bullock Before the Lord And the Bullock Shall be Killed Before the Lord And the Priest that Is Anointed Shall Bring Of the Bullock's Blood To the Tabernacle Of the Congregation And the Priest shall Dip his Finger In some Of the Blood And sprinkle It seven Times before The Lord Even before The veil And he Shall put Some of The blood Upon the Horns Of the Altar Which is Before the Lord That is In the Tabernacle Of the Congregation And shall Pour out All the Blood At the Bottom Of the Altar Of the Burnt Offering Which is At the Door Of the Tabernacle Of the Congregation And he Shall Take All His

[ 16 : 05 ] Fat From him And burn It upon The Altar And he Shall Do With the Bullock As he Did With the Bullock For a Sin Offering So Shall He Do With This And the Priest Shall Make An Atonement For Them And it Shall Be Forgiven Them And he Shall Carry Forth The Bullock Without The Camp And burn Him As he Burned The First Bullock It is A sin Offering For the Congregation When a Ruler Hath Sinned And done Some Somewhat Through Ignorance Against Any of The Commandments Of the Lord His God Concerning Things Which Should Not Be Done And Is Guilty Or If his Sin Wherein He Hath Sinned Came To His Knowledge He Shall Bring His Offering A Kid Of The Goats A Male Without Blemish And he Shall lay His Hands Upon The Head Of The Goat And Kill It In The Place Where They Kill The To The Of The For

The Lord It Is A Sin Offering With His Finger And Put It Upon The Horns Of The Altar Of Burnt Offering And Shall Pour Out His Blood At Bottom Of The Altar Of Burnt Offering And He Shall Burn All His Fat Upon The Altar As The Fat Of The Sacrifice Of Peace Offerings And The Priest Shall Make An Atonement For And It Shall Be For Given Him And If Any One Of The Common People Sin Through Ignorance While He Doeth Something Against Any Of The Commandments Of The Lord Concerning Things Which Ought Not To Be Done And Be Guilty Or If His Sin Which He Hath Sinned Came To His Knowledge Then He Shall Bring His Offering A Kid Of The Goats A Female Without Blemish For His Sin Which He Hath Sin And He Shall Lay His Hand Upon The Head Of The Sin Offering And Slay

The Sin Offering In The Place Of The Burnt Offering And The Priest Shall Take Of The Blood Thereof With His Finger And Put It Upon The Horns Of The Or Of Burnt Offering And Shall Pour Out All The Blood Thereof At The Bottom Of The Or And He Shall Take Away All The Fat Thereof As The Fat Is Taken Away From Of The Sacrifice Of Peace Offering And The Priest Shall Burn It Upon The Altar For A Sweet Savour Unto The Lord And The Priest Shall Make An Atonement For Him And It Shall Be For Given Him And If He Bring A Lamb For A Sin Offering He Shall Bring It A Female Without Blemish And He Shall Lay His Hand Upon The Head Of The Sin Offering And Slay For A Sin Offering The Place Where They Shall Kill The Burnt Offering And The Priest Shall Take Of The Blood Of The Sin Offering With His Finger And Put It Upon The Horns Of The Art Of Burnt Offering And Shall Pour Out All The Blood Thereof

At The Bottom Of The Altar And He Shall Take Away All The Fat Thereof As The Fat Of The Lamb Is Taken Away From The Sacrifice Of The Peace Offering And The Priest Shall Burn Them Upon The Altar According To The Offerings Made By Fire Unto The Lord And The Priest Shall Make An Atonement For His Sin That He Hath Committed And It Shall Be The Lord That His Blessing To This Reading Of His Word And To His Name Be The Praise We Can Read Again At Verse 29 In This Chapter And He Shall Lay His Hand Upon The Head Of The Sin Offering And Slay The Sin Offering In The Place Of The Burnt Offering To Many

People The Cross Of Christ Is A Deep Mystery Particularly The Suffering That Is Spoken Of When We Read About The Cross And Christ On The Cross The New Testament Speaks Of It As A Sacrifice Of Atonement For Sin And This Is Something That Is Difficult To Grasp And Yet Once You Discover How Adequately God In Christ Meets Your Needs Everything Seems To Fall Into Place And You Truly See How Indebted You Are To Christ As Your Lord And Saviour Now Obviously The Sacrificial System Has Its Origin In The Old Testament Dispensation The

[ 21 : 08 ] Example Of That We Read About In Chapter 4 Of Leviticus If You Look At Some Of The Elements That Belong To That And Apply Them To Christ I Would Hope That You Would See Why It Is Important When We Think Of What Christ Has Done On The Cross To Bear In Mind The Symbolism That Is Found In The Old Testament Dispensation Where Can We Begin With Such A Potentially Broad Subject We Need First Of All To Ask The Question What Does Sacrifice Do What Need Did It Address Well Even In Sacrifice It Is Often Spoken

Of As A Sacrifice For Sin And The Bible May Explain To Us That In Of It Has No Impact Upon Sin Before The Formal Structure Of The Sacrificial System It Is Believed That The First Sacrifices Came To Be Offered By Man At The Request Of God We Know That When Cain And Abel Came With Their Offerings To God Only One Of These Offerings Was Acceptable And That Was The Offerings That Involved Sacrifice In The Epistle To The Hebrews Which Refers Back To Many Of The Old Testament Sacrifices We

Read In Chapter 10 For Example In These Sacrifices There Is A Remembrance Again Made Of Sins Every Year For It Is Not Possible That The Blood Of Bulls And Of Goats Should Take Away Sins But It Is Also Remembered And Also Taught That Almost All The Things That Are By Law Purged With Blood Without Without There Is No Remission Surely There Is A Contradiction Between These Two Things Well The Reality Is Proved By Remembering That The Sacrifices Were Both Symbolical As Well As Typical As A Symbol That Had A Present Spiritual Meaning And As A Type That Pointed

To A Future Reality Now The Situation The Bible Describes Is Where A Holy God Is Dealing With A Sinful Man And Man Because Of His Sin Is Cut Off From The Holy God If You Remember Again Going Back To The Garden Of Eden When Man Sinned Against God The Penalty For His Sin Was Death And The Graphic Way In Which That Death Was Described Was In Man Being Displaced From The Garden Of Eden He Was Sent Out Of The Garden He Had Free Access Before Then To The Tree Of Life But God Shed Him Out From That Access He Drove Him Out Of The Garden He Put An Angel With A Flaming Sword To Prevent Man

From Getting Access To The Tree Symbolism A Reality No Doubt But A Graphic Reality That Tells Us About The Plight Of Man Because Of Sin God In His Mercy Initiates A Way By Which Man Can Come And Be At Peace With That Holy God Something That Could Not Be Possible On The Basis Of Man's Own Activities Man Man Man Could Not Initiate An Act That Would Appease A Holy God But God Found A Way By Which Man Could Gain Gain Access To Without Surrendering The Ground Upon Which He Stood Which Was Holy He God Found

[ 26 : 10 ] A Way God Had Prepared A Way Even In Eternity Where The Cause Of Dis Peace Was Dealt With Now There Are Many Parts To That And The Scripture Gives Us All The Parts To Help Us Understand What The God Of Heaven Is Doing In This Book Of Leviticus Later On It Is Written For The Life Of The Flesh Is In The Blood And I Have Given It To You Upon The Orter To Make An Atonement For Your Souls For It Is The Blood That Maketh An Atonement For The Soul He Says It Summarises How It Was To Be Done There Are Two Very Important Things That We

Can Remember First I Have Given It To You To Make Atonement The First Phrase Emphasises The Divine Initiation The Divine Initiative Rather It It Is God That Is Done Something To Meet Our Need A Very Real Inescapable Need That We Have As Sinners Ever Going On Sinning Doing Wrong Always Always Always Always Struggling And Failing In The Most Basic Of Things The Second Thing Is Atonement It Is A Word That Occurs 43 Times In Leviticus Alone And It Means Dealing With Sin Repairing The Breach That There Is

Between God And Man When The Scripture Speaks About Jesus We Are Told He Died For Our Sins Because He Had None Of His Own And Yet Because He Is In The Sinner's Place His Death Can Be Explained Principal MacLeod Explains It In This Way It Is This Supreme Act Of Obedience On The Part Of Christ That Covers Sin It Has A Man Word And A God Word Aspect The Blood Went Into The Holy Place To Make Reconciliation Meeting God's Demands Even The Application To The Horns Of The Altar Demonstrates The Powerful Intercession Of The Blood God's

Preparation Involves Doing Something That Will Cover The Sins Of A Certain People At Least That Was What Is Represented By The Right Of Sacrifice What Is What Is Represented First Of All There Is The Way In Which The Victim Has The Hands Of The Offerer Placed Firmly Upon Its Body So You Noticed In The Passage That We Read There Is A Repetition Of What The Offerer Is Doing When He Brings The Offering In Verse 15 The Elders Of The Congregation Shall Lay Their Hands Upon The Head Of The Bullock Before The Lord And The Bullock Shall Be Killed Before The Lord Verse 24

He Shall Lay His Hand Upon The Head Of The Goat And Kill It In The Place Where They Kill The Burnt Offering Before The Lord It Is A Sin Offering Verse 33 He Shall Lay His Hand Upon The Head Of The Sin Offering And So On There Is A Clear Indication To Us There Of The Laying On Of Hands Of The Offerer Upon The Victim And That Is A Declaration Of Identification With The Victim It Is It Is Regularly Stated In The Scripture So That We Believe It To Have Been A First Principle Of Sacrificial Offerings That That That That Which Was Offered Belonged To The Offerer Something Belonging To Someone Else Was Without Value If you

[ 31 : 19 ] Remember David When he Came To Offer A Sacrifice He Had To Buy For Himself The Threshing Floor Of Aruna In Order To Make It Make It His Neither Will I Offer To The Lord My God Of That Which Cost Me Nothing So David Bought The Threshing Floor And The Oxen For Fifty Shekels Of Silver What Was To Be Offered Could Not Be Valuable To David If It Was Not His Own Although The Opportunity Was Given To Take It As A Gift That Did Not Happen The Second Thing We Notice Here Is The Placing Of The Hands Implies A Confession Of Sin And

Very Often Although In The Description We Have Here In This Chapter It Is Not Recorded This Was An Audible Confession Of Sin And A Public Confession Of Sin Included Included As Part Of This Confession Is The Belief That In So Doing These Sins Are Being Imputed To The Victim What Was My Sin When I Put My Hands Upon It These Sins Are Now The Sins That Animal Becomes My Sin In Effect Third We Must Believe That These Actions Are Of Faith We Believe Or The Offerer Who Takes The Victim And Places His Hands Upon The Victim Believes At That Point That God Has Supplied A Substitute

With Which Both He And The Offerer Can Be Satisfied This Is Implicit In The Words Of Abraham When He Takes Isaac To Be Offered When He Takes Him To The Altar God He Says Will Provide Himself A Lamb Perhaps Also There Is Also One Other Element The Weight That The Offerer Brought Down Upon The Victims Resting Holy Upon It Also All The Is By Faith He Is As You Take Christ To Yourself As A Believer You Receive And You Rest Upon Him Alone As He Is Freely Offered In The Gospel So When We Come To The Antitype Or The Type Fulfilled John Says Behold The Lamb

Of God Paul Also Says In His First Epistle To The Corinthians Purge Of The Old Leaven That Ye May Be A New Lamp As Year Unleavened For Even Christ Our Passive Is Sacrificed For Us The Word Of God Encourages The Sinner To Come To Christ And Stretch Out Hands That Are Empty You Can Take Nothing To Him But Your Sin Nothing In My Hands I Bring Simply To Thy Cross I Cling Words We Often Hear Words Of The Hymn Writer You Confess Your Sin To Him Not A Minister Or A Priest The Great High Priest Is Before You And In Coming To Him You Are Acknowledging That

God's Provision Is The Only Provision For You That He Is All You Need Him To Be A Perfect Priest With A Perfect Priesthood A Perfect Doctor And A Perfect Sacrifice A Perfect Substitute And A Perfect Representative At The Right Hand Of God The Apostle John In His First Epistle He Says Little Children These Things I Write To You That You Sin Not And If Any Man Sin We Am An Advocate With The Father Jesus Christ The Righteous And He Is The Propitiation For Our Sins And Not For Our Rolly But Also For The Sins Of The Whole World Faith In Christ Is Spoken Of By Son As A Leaning And You Don't Say That You Can't Lean Anybody

[ 36 : 20 ] Can Lean If You Put Your Weight Upon Christ Then You Are Assured That Christ Is Able To Bear That Burden See H.

Burden Very Wisely Tells Us In One Of His Sermons As He Spoke Of The Passover When You See The Blood He Says I Will Pass Over You My Own Sight Of The Precious Blood Is For My Comfort But It Is The Lord Sight Of It Which Secures My Safety Is You Sacrifice God Sacrifice Or Do You Venture To Come With Another Do You Abuse Of His Own Provision That It Will Bring Down A New Head In Immeasurable Wrath Surely He Knows What He Requires To Appease To Satisfy His Divine Righteousness And Divine Justice The Word Of God Encourages Us To Look To His Own Word To Discover

There The Truth Of What The Sacrifice Of Christ Means We Know That He Died On The Cross That's What The Scripture Says We Know That He Died For Our Sins That's Again What The Scripture Says To All Who Put Their Trust In Him We Are Assured That He Will Not Perish But Have Everlasting Life May God Encourage Us To Come To Him To Appropriate Christ By Faith A Confession To God That We Deserve The Death That He Died May He Bless To Us That These Your Thoughts Let Us Pray Most Merciful God Direct Us To The Place Where We Can Put Our Hands Upon Christ Confess Our Sins Seek

Covering All Of That Sin By His Shed Blood Give Thanks That Your Word Teaches Us That Where That Blood Covers That Will Never Again Come To Light Go Before Us Cleansing From Sin Now May Grace Mercy And Peace From God Father Son And Holy Spirit Be With You All Now And Always Amen