

# THE STORY OF GOD: ANIMAL SACRIFICES

LEVITICUS 1:1-5 — JAN 17, 2010

## **What role did animal sacrifices play in the nation of Israel?**

Leviticus 1:1-5

If you had been an Israelite believer sinned, when you sinned you would

Admit your guilt before God (v.3)

Bring an animal symbolizing a perfect substitute (v.3)

Symbolically transfer your guilt to this perfect substitute (v.4)

Kill the perfect substitute (v.5)

## **What did these sacrifices actually accomplish?**

They only cleansed the flesh, not the conscience; they did not actually pay for any sins (Hebrews 9:13-14).

The sins of Old Testament believers were paid for by Jesus (Hebrews 9:15).

## **What's the point of all these animal sacrifices?**

God wanted to intensify Israel's longing for God's Perfect Substitute.

John 1:29

John 3:16-17

God wanted to help us understand how Jesus' death gives us forgiveness.

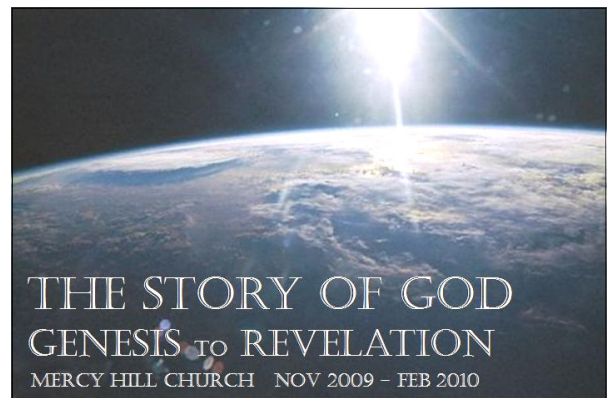
We need to admit our guilt before God.

We need to understand that God has provided the perfect substitute in Jesus.

We need to transfer our guilt, by faith, to Jesus.

We need to understand that, if we are trusting Him, then Jesus' death paid the punishment for all our sin.

As a result we are completely forgiven.



## **HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING**

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

How did studying animal sacrifices strengthen your love for Jesus? Help you understand the Cross? Deepen your understanding of sin?

Do you ever start trying to make up for your guilt before God by trying to be good enough? How do the animals sacrifices help you see that as a mistake? Why is it a mistake?

If Jesus took upon himself all of your guilt, how much guilt is left on you? How does this affect you?

If Jesus was punished for all of your sins, how much punishment do you still face? How does this affect you?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

