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In ancient times, people used to sacrifice animals to please God or to turn away the wrath of God. It's been practised throughout the years in different countries and is a common practise among many cultures.

Before the exodus from Egypt, God asked the Jewish people to kill a lamb and to paint the blood on the door posts of the houses. God said -

***<sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgement: I am the Lord.***

***<sup>13</sup> And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you**, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.***

This is the significance of the Passover lamb. Any house which had blood on the door posts, God would pass over it and the wrath of God will not come upon it.

*And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission**. - Heb 9:22*

*13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:*

*14 How much more shall **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve **the living God**?*

*Heb10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very*

*image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.*

*2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.*

*3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.*

*4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

**Jesus came into the world to take away the sins of the world by His perfect sacrifice.**

*<sup>8</sup> ..., Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;*

*<sup>9</sup> Then said he (Jesus), Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.*

*<sup>10</sup> By the which will **we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.***

*<sup>11</sup> And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:*

*<sup>12</sup> But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*

*<sup>13</sup> From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.*

*<sup>14</sup> **For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.***

*<sup>15</sup> Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said*

before,

<sup>16</sup> *This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;*

<sup>17</sup> ***And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.***

<sup>18</sup> *Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.*

<sup>26</sup> *For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, **there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,***

<sup>27</sup> *But a certain **fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation,** which shall devour the adversaries.*

<sup>28</sup> *He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:*

<sup>29</sup> *Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*

<sup>30</sup> *For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.*

<sup>31</sup> ***It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.***

Only the true God can forgive the sins of mankind. Jesus being God who came to earth in the form of human alone has the power to forgive our sins.

In JESUS alone, we have redemption from our sins through His blood shed on the cross, and the forgiveness of sins and complete freedom from sin's bondage on us.

Jesus – is the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Jesus was sacrificed as the perfect Passover lamb once for all. When we accept Christ as our Saviour, we are sanctified through the perfect offering of the body of Jesus Christ. His blood cleanses us from our sins and the wrath of God will not come on us. In God's sight it is as – ***when I see the blood, I will pass over you***