

# THE LAMB

1 Peter 1:18-19

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- Jesus Christ is presented as the Lamb of God, without blemish and without spot, whose blood was offered to redeem our souls. This is a main theme of the bible, found from Genesis through Revelation.
- Traditions of your fathers (religion and religious practices) cannot redeem you and save your soul.
- Silver and gold can't buy you a place in heaven or pay for your sin.
- God provided the only acceptable payment for your sin: the blood of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The book of Revelation contains God's final words to man. There, Jesus Christ is referred to as the Lamb of God 29 times.

## THE LAMB IN HISTORY

**In the Garden:** In Genesis 3, after Adam and Eve sinned, God shed the blood of an innocent animal to provide coats of skins to clothe them (3:21). Don't be surprised if you find out that animal was a lamb.

**Cain and Abel:** In Genesis 4:1-8, Abel knew that the acceptable sacrifice to offer God was an innocent lamb (4:4). He learned that from his parents, Adam and Eve.

- Abel's blood speaks as a testimony to us today (**Heb. 11:4**). God provided a way for man to be accepted by Him. That way is through the blood of an innocent Lamb.

**Abraham:** In **Genesis 22:1-8** God instructed Abraham to sacrifice his "only begotten son," Isaac (Heb 11:17). Abraham told Isaac "***God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering***" (Vs 8).

- He didn't say, "*God Himself will provide a lamb...*" He said, "***God—will—provide—Him—self!***"

- Abraham's words revealed that one day God would come to Earth as the Lamb and provide Himself as a burnt offering and take away the sin of the world.

**Passover:** In Exodus 12, God initiated Passover. The blood of an innocent lamb protected the people from God's wrath and God's destruction. The blood of a lamb, applied by faith, preserved those who applied it.

**The Law:** The blood of an innocent lamb was incorporated into the sacrifices under the Law. Millions of lambs were slain over the passing centuries enabling people to maintain communion with God.

- Their assurance of purity (Lev 14), maintenance of fellowship with God (Exod 29), and their acceptance at worship (Lev 23) was maintained by the blood of a lamb.
- Are you maintaining your communion with God? You don't have to slay a lamb in the morning and evening, but you can freely approach God on a daily basis. Don't neglect that privilege.

**Jesus' birth:** In **Luke 2:6-11**, Jesus was born and placed in a manger. He was born in a place where lambs are born. The angel of the Lord told shepherds that a Savior had been born unto them (vs 11).

**Jesus' baptism:** In **John 1:25-29**, John the Baptist announced that Jesus was ***"the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."***

**Jesus' death:** In **Isaiah 53:1-7** Jesus, as a lamb brought to the slaughter, was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities.

**Jesus in glory:** In **Revelation 5:11-13**, Jesus is proclaimed to be the worthy Lamb that was slain.