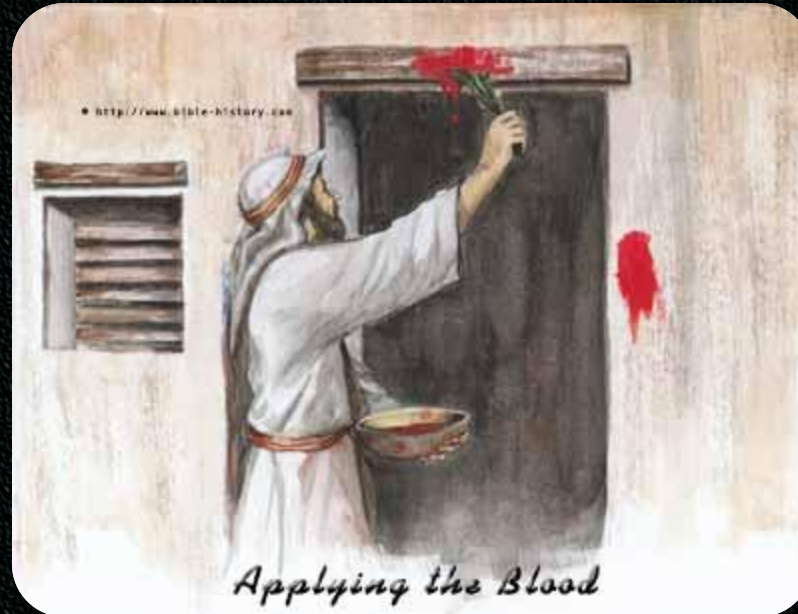


# THE PROBLEM WITH SACRIFICE



*Applying the Blood*

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# God Required Sacrifice

- God did not “*respect Cain and his sacrifice*” **Genesis 4:3-5**

- Abel’s sacrifice **Hebrews 11:4**
- Cain’s disposition **Proverbs 15:8**

**The lesson is found not in the act of the sacrifice but the action of the heart**

**Cain made an offering -  
He did not offer himself!**



# God Required Sacrifice

- God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his only son Genesis 22
  - God tested Abraham (v1)
  - Command given (v2)
  - Abraham shows faith (vv3-10)
  - For now I know (v12)

**Was the sacrifice the lesson  
or was the test of faith?**



# God Required Sacrifice

- King Saul thought that sacrifice was better than obedience 1 Samuel 15
  - Commands given (vv1-3)
  - Saul acted (vv4-7)
  - Saul disobeyed (vv8-9)
  - Saul's answer (v13)
  - Samuel's answer (vv22-23)

*Obedience vs. sacrifice*



# God Required Sacrifice

**“To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?” says the LORD. “I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or goats. When you come to appear before Me, who has required this from your hand, to trample My courts? Bring no more futile sacrifices; incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies— I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting.”**

**(Isaiah 1:11-13)**

# God Desires Mercy & Knowledge

For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. **(Hosea 6:6)**

- **A CALL to REPENTANCE!**

The Lord needed their hearts!

*God prefers the inward, loving, knowledge of Himself, and loving-kindness toward man, above the outward means of acceptableness with Himself, which He had appointed.*

# God Desires Mercy & Knowledge

- A lesson on **MERCY**

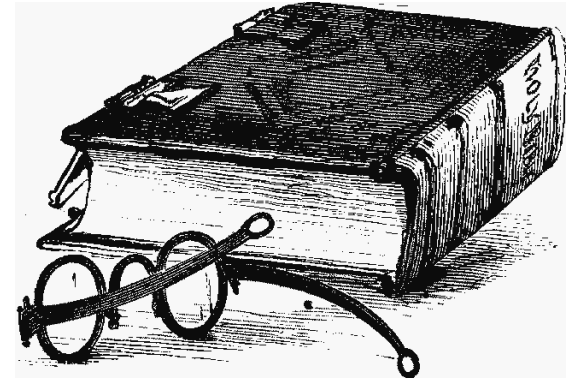
**Matthew 9:9-13**

- A lesson on **LOYALTY**

**Matthew 12:1-8**

- The lesson today is:

- *God values mercy for the souls for which Christ died above sacrifice;*
- *God wants hearts that are loyal to Him and not to the ‘acts of worship’*



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no greater love



**THE CROSS IS MERCY & GRACE**