

God's Wonderful Words of Life Series by D. Lavell Lee

Message Five

- Propitiation
- I John 2:1-2, I John 4:10, Ro. 3:23-25, Heb. 9:5-15

1Jo 2:1-2 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: **2** And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1Jo 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Rom 3:23-25 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: **25** Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Heb 9:5-15 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. **6** Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. **7** But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: **8** The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: **9** Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; **10** Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. **11** But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; **12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. **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? **15** And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

In message three, we looked at the great truth that Jesus Christ died as our substitute on the cross for our sins and rose again. In message four we looked at the truth that our sins were imputed to or ascribed to Jesus Christ and as our substitute Jesus died in our place and on our behalf. But all this would not help poor lost sinners unless the death of Jesus Christ satisfies God's righteous indignation in payment for our sins. But, thanks be unto God, the death of Jesus Christ is God's satisfaction or

propitiation for our sins for time and eternity, and this is the great subject which we now prayerfully and carefully consider together.

FIRST What does propitiate mean

1. Webster: To cause to become favorably inclined; win or regain the good will of; appease or conciliate (sacrifices made to propitiate the gods) Synonym: pacify

2. Scriptural use:

a. Greek – hilasmos, that which propitiates, which means that the death of Jesus Christ satisfies God that the just demands of God's law have been carried out to vindicate the righteous sentence of God's broken law.

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b. Greek - hilasterion, place of propitiation

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SECOND An example of the Old Testament High Priest and required offerings

Lev 16:1-17 And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died; 2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat. 3 Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. 4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on. 5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. 6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house. 7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat. 9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him for a

sin offering. 10 But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness. 11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself: 12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the vail: 13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not: 14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. 15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: 16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness. 17 And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.

The intent of this Old Testament example of offering is not an attempt to discuss the many types of offerings, all of which find their ultimate fulfillment in the once for all offering of Jesus Christ, but rather to set forth their method of approach to God for the sins of the people. This particular scripture deals with the day of atonement for the children of Israel.

1. The High Priest is presented to act on his own behalf and for the people.
2. Certain live animals were presented as offerings for both the High Priest and the people.
3. The two live goats were presented which represent two aspects of Jesus Christ. Vs. 7-9 a. One goat to be slain representing the death of Jesus Christ for our sins. Vs. 15 b. One goat to be led away into the wilderness representing the removal of our sins by the death of Jesus Christ. Vs. 10
4. The presented animal which was to die was slain at the brazen altar. The brazen altar is a symbol of God's judgement against sin. Vs. 15
5. The blood of the slain animal was presented and sprinkled on the mercy seat by the High Priest. The blood presented and sprinkled on the mercy seat was the signal that the sacrificial death had occurred at the brazen altar and this sprinkled blood was accepted by God as a covering for the sins of the High Priest and the people.
6. The live return of the High Priest to the congregation assured them that all was well with them and their God.

THIRD The New Testament record of the planned sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sins of the world

I use the term “planned sacrifice” because the sacrifice of Jesus Christ was not an afterthought by God to solve man's sin problem.

1Pe 1:18-20 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

1. Jesus Christ was presented alive to be the sacrifice for our sins. It is important to note that the sacrifices were required to be without flaw and all observers had many years to observe Jesus Christ but no fault could be found in him.

Joh 8:46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? Joh 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. Luk 23:4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man. 2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

a. He was announced to Mary.

Luk 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

b. He was announced to Joseph.

Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

c. His birth was proclaimed by angels.

Luk 2:20-21 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. 21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

d. He was identified by the voice of God the Father.

Mat 3:16-17 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

e. He was presented by John the Baptist.

Joh 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

2. Jesus Christ, presiding as High Priest, offered himself to the Father as the sacrifice for our sins.

Eph 5:1-2 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. Joh 10:17-18 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

Note here in Eph. That Jesus Christ offered himself as a sweetsmelling savour to God which means that he presented himself to God in all his sinless perfections and merits.

3. Jesus Christ himself suffered on the cross and shed his blood on himself for he is also the hilasterion, the place of propitiation.

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4. Jesus Christ himself successfully completed the sacrifice of himself to the Father and he himself declared his sacrifice for our sins complete.

Joh 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost

5. God the Father signaled that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ to him was both acceptable and complete by rending the veil of the temple from top to bottom, thus signaling that the way to him is now open because of the acceptable and complete sacrifice of Jesus Christ by himself on behalf of and in the place of all mankind.

Mat 27:50-51 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

6. Jesus Christ, presiding as our great High Priest, entered the heavenly sanctuary by his own blood and presented himself to the heavenly Father on our behalf.

Luk 23:42-46 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. 44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. 46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Heb 9:11-15 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 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? 15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

At this very moment, I praise you Lord Jesus for you have **“obtained eternal redemption”** for me and secured **“an eternal inheritance”** for me, and also for all who will come to God through you. Thank you dear Lord Jesus.

7. On the day of his resurrection, Jesus returned from the Father and the heavenly sanctuary unto his very own, presenting himself in his victorious splendor and glory, very much alive, and spoke peace to them because our eternal peace is now secured by him for time and eternity.

Joh 20:19-21 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

As he came out of the heavenly sanctuary, he was doing as the earthly High Priest did on the great day of atonement. His coming out alive and well signaled that all was well between the children of Israel and the heavenly Father, and so it is with us now.

Joh 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

Yes, praise the Lord, Jesus Christ offered himself to God in our place and on our behalf, and God accepted him, and our sins are now paid for. God is satisfied so why shouldn't we also be satisfied. I am satisfied, what about you?

If you have never been saved, why not come to Jesus Christ right now and ask him to save you.

Mat 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.