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# IF WE ARE TO OBEY THE LAW, WHY DO WE NOT SACRIFICE ANIMALS AS THEY DID IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?

by Eddie Chumney

The answer is very simple. There is no Temple. Sacrifices can only be done in the Temple.

I bet you will be surprised to learn that the Apostle Paul performed animal sacrifices in the Temple AFTER the death of Yeshua/Jesus and AFTER he was a believer in Yeshua/Jesus as Messiah.

In Acts 9:1-19, Paul is converted on the way to Damascus. As Paul begins to be obedient to the L-rd's calling in his life, he begins to preach that Yeshua/Jesus is Messiah to both Jew and non-Jew.

The Jews who did not accept Yeshua/Jesus as Messiah begin to have controversy with Paul because he was preaching to the non-Jews that Yeshua/Jesus was Messiah and did not require of them what the Jews who did not believe that Yeshua/Jesus was Messiah thought what was required of non-Jews to become part of a Jewish faith.

This is the basis behind the gathering and ruling in Acts 15. So, Paul begins to be accused that he has forsaken the Torah and is not Torah observant. About three times in the book of Acts, Paul vows and testifies that he is Torah observant.

**In Acts 21:24, 26** it is written:

*"Take them and PURIFY thyself with them, and be at charge with them, that they may SHAVE THEIR HEADS and all may know ... that thou thyself also walk orderly and keep the TORAH ..."*

Then Paul took the men and the next day PURIFYING HIMSELF with them ENTERED INTO THE TEMPLE to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification until that an OFFERING (animal sacrifice) should be offered for every one of them"

You see Christianity doesn't spend much time explaining what happened in these passages. What happened was that Paul performed animal sacrifices in the Temple AFTER the death of Yeshua/Jesus as Messiah and AFTER he accepted him as Messiah. Paul in **Acts 21:24,26** had taken a Nazirite vow.

This is found in **Numbers 6**. In **Numbers 6:5** it is written:

*"All the days of the vow of his separation there shall be NO RAZOR come upon his head ..."*

Afterward, animals were required to be sacrificed in the Temple. In **Numbers 6:10-13** it is written:

*"And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles or two young pigeons, to the priest to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering and make an atonement for them ... and he shall consecrate unto the Lord the days of his separation and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a trespass offering ... and this is the law of the Nazarite ..."*

This is clearly what is being done in **Acts 21:24**:

*"Then Paul took the men and the next day PURIFYING HIMSELF with them ENTERED INTO THE TEMPLE to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification until that an OFFERING (animal sacrifice) should be offered for every one of them"*

So, Paul offered animal sacrifices in the Temple AFTER he accepted Yeshua/Jesus as Messiah and it had NOTHING To do with salvation but EVERYTHING to do with being obedient to the Torah.

We have been taught for so long in Christianity that animal sacrifices do not save. True! But they NEVER did! Not even in OT times.

It is a virtual universal Christian belief that the death of Yeshua/Jesus did away with animal sacrifices and so they therefore will never again be instituted and to do so would be an abomination against the death of Yeshua/Jesus.

However, the scriptures tell us that there WILL be animal sacrifices during the Messianic Age.

The reason why there is no animal sacrifices today is because there is no Temple. When the Temple was destroyed in 70 C.E. (Common Era), the sacrifices ceased to exist. However, during the Messianic Age when Yeshua/Jesus will rule from the Jerusalem there will be a Temple during this time and there will be animal sacrifices.

**Why? To take away sin? NO !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Hebrews 10:4:**

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

During the days of animal sacrifices, did the animal sacrifice take away sin? NO! Man has ALWAYS been justified in the eyes of God by FAITH

**Hebrews 11:6:**

*"But without faith it is impossible to please Him (God) ..."*

**Galations 2:6**

*"Even as Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness"*

What does the "OT" say?

**Habakkuk 2:4**

*"... but the just shall live by faith"*

What does the "NT" say?

**Hebrews 10:38**

*"Now the just shall live by faith ..."*

Even in the days of animal sacrifices, God required that those were justified before him by FAITH.

The offerer needed to sacrifice the animal with a repentant HEART and do the act as an expression of his FAITH in the redeeming work of God. If the HEART was not repentant and if the animal wasn't offered by FAITH toward God in the HEART, then it was empty religion. Committing the act and TRUSTING in the act WITHOUT a HEART change, G-d did NOT accept. It was THIS attitude that God condemned in **Isaiah 1:3-4, 10-11:**

*"The ox knows his owner, and ass his master's crib: but Israel does not know, my people does not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity ... Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of SODOM ... ye people of GOMORRAH. To what purpose is th multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats"*

In these passages, God is addressing a SINFUL people who have STONY HEARTS. What God was condemning was the HEART attitude toward God and how they performed the ritual but lived like people of "Sodom and Gommorah"

**(Isaiah 1:10)**

God states the same thing in **Psalms 51:15-17:**

*"O Lord, open thou my lips and my mouth shall show forth thy praise."*

*For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou will not despise"*

God desires one thing of His people --- their HEART!

### **What is the GREATEST Commandment?**

#### **Matthew 22:36-37:**

*"Master (Jesus), which is the great commandment in the TORAH? Jesus said unto him, You shall love the Lord thy God with ALL your HEART, and with all your soul, and with all your mind"*

God desires for His people to have a pure heart:

#### **Matthew 5:8:**

*"Blessed are the PURE IN HEART: for they shall see God"*

#### **Psalms 24:3-4:**

*"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that has clean hands and a PURE HEART ..."*

Christianity has placed the problem on the TORAH and the animal sacrifices. But, in the Bible, God places the problem on the HEART. It was God who instituted and commanded the animal sacrifices.

If God then says that they are an abomination to Him after He commands them to be done, then God is schizophrenic. But, God is not schizophrenic. The problem is not with God. The problem is with the HEARTS of God's people.

Let us use a modern day analogy. God commands His people to praise Him:

#### **Psalms 100:1-2**

*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing ... Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him ..."*

Most Christian churches sing songs in their services. What if God walked into one of our church services and said, "Oh you sinful people, you people of Sodom and Gomorrah. your song services are an abomination to me ..."

Why would God do this? Because God's people sing songs on Sunday and lives like the world on Monday. So what good was it to sing a nice song to G-d on Sunday? What God really desires is a broken and contrite heart (**Psalm 51:17**) . What God really desires is His people to have a pure heart (**Matthew 5:8**).

The problem is not the animal and the problem is not the songs. The problem is the hearts of God's people because the greatest commandment is to love God with all your HEART. Animal sacrifices don't save you and singing nice songs on Sunday doesn't save you. But, a song in faith from the heart God will accept and an animal sacrifice from the heart, God will accept. Singing songs on Sunday by tradition does not praise God if there is no sincerity of heart. Animal sacrifices God despises if there is no sincerity of heart in doing the sacrifice.

So, why animal sacrifices during the Messianic Age?

Animal sacrifices are commandments in the Torah. Torah means "INSTRUCTION". So, why the animal sacrifices during the Messianic Age when the Messiah will be in Jerusalem at the Temple? It is for INSTRUCTION. In order to LEARN, we NEED to be SHOWN. Animal sacrifices are an act of INSTRUCTION (Torah).

**Ezekiel 40-48** describes the Temple of the Messianic Age.

#### **Ezekiel 41:1**

*"Afterward he brought me to the temple ..."*

God told Ezekiel to "show the house (the pattern of heavenly things as given by instruction in the Temple) to the house (God's people):

#### **Ezekiel 43:10-12**

*"Thou son of man, SHOW THE HOUSE TO THE HOUSE of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities, and let them MEASURE THE PATTERN. And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, SHOW THEM, the FORM of the HOUSE (Temple), the FASHION thereof, and the GOINGS OUT thereof, and the COMINGS IN thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the TORAH thereof: and WRITE IT in their SIGHT, that they may KEEP the WHOLE FORM thereof, and all the ordinances thereof and do them. THIS is the TORAH of the HOUSE ... Behold, THIS the the TORAH of the HOUSE"*

The TORAH of the house is to "show the house to the house" according to the pattern so that they may KEEP the whole form. "SHOWING" the house to the house is INSTRUCTION.

So, why animal sacrifices? For INSTRUCTION.

Let us continue in **Ezekiel 40-48**.

**Ezekiel 46:2:**

*"And the PRINCE (the Messiah) shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the PRIESTS shall prepare the BURNT OFFERING and his PEACE OFFERINGS ..."*

**Ezekiel 46:4-5**

*"And the BURNT OFFERING that the PRINCE (the Messiah) shall offer unto the Lord in the sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish. And the MEAT OFFERING shall be an ephah for a ram, and the MEAT OFFERING for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah"*

**Ezekiel 46:20:**

*"Then said he unto me, This is the place where the PRIESTS shall boil the TRESPASS OFFERING and the SIN OFFERING, where they shall bake the MEAT OFFERING, that they bear them not out into the outer court, to sanctify the people"*

Therefore, here in **Ezekiel 46** we see ALL five offerings being offered:

- #1) Burnt offering
- #2) Meat offering
- #3) Trespass offering
- #4) Sin offering
- #5) Peace offering

*And they will be offered during the Messianic Age at the Temple as a way of "SHOWING the house (the pattern of the Temple to understand heavenly things as given by God) to the house (God's people)".*

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