



## **SET FREE: Why Sacrifice Was Necessary**

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<sup>1</sup> The LORD called to Moses from the Tabernacle and said to him, <sup>2</sup> “Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. When you present an animal as an offering to the LORD, you may take it from your herd of cattle or your flock of sheep and goats. <sup>3</sup> If the animal you present as a burnt offering is from the herd, it must be a male with no defects. Bring it to the entrance of the Tabernacle so you may be accepted by the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Lay your hand on the animal’s head, and the LORD will accept its death in your place to purify you, making you right with him.”

**|Leviticus 1:1-4 NLT**

### **1. Sin Is More Serious Than We Think**

It’s your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

**Isaiah 59:2 NLT**

... for the life of the body is in its blood. I have given you the blood on the altar to purify you, making you right with the LORD. It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible.

**Leviticus 17:11 NLT**

### **2. Sacrifice Was About Substitution**

<sup>4</sup> Lay your hand on the animal’s head, and the LORD will accept its death in your place to purify you, making you right with him. <sup>5</sup> Then slaughter the young bull in the LORD’s presence, and Aaron’s sons, the priests, will present the animal’s blood by splattering it against all sides of the altar that stands at the entrance to the Tabernacle.

**Leviticus 1:4-5 NLT**

The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.

**Hebrews 10:1 NLT**

### **3. Jesus Completed What Sacrifice Could Not - "Once for All"**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

**John 1:29 NLT**

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

**2 Corinthians 5:21 NLT**

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.

**1 Peter 3:18 NLT**