**Sacrifice**

* **God’s Sacrifice is Perfect and Final.**

**Hebrews 9:12** “and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all having obtained eternal redemption.”

**Hebrews 10:4** “For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”

**Hebrews 10:10-12** “By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; by He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.”

**Two-fold purpose of Old Testament sacrifices:**

1. To admit and to express the high cost of sin; the disruption of order, ruin and death caused by sin.
2. To celebrate God’s grace in providing a substitute for sin’s punishment.

* **Our Sacrifice is Imperfect but Ongoing.**

1. **The sacrifice of serving others without selfish motives.**

**Romans 12:1** “I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies an living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”

**I Peter 2:5** “you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1. **The sacrifice of material possessions. (Pecuniary)**

**Philippians 4:18** “But I have received everything in full, and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

**Hebrews 13:16** “And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

1. **The sacrifice of Praise.**

**Hebrews 13:15** Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.”

**From the Old Testament we learn 3 things about the sacrifice.**

1. **Only the best was selected.**
2. **It was inspected for a period of time, to make sure it was the best!**
3. **It was fattened, to make it better at its time of offering than when it was selected,**