DID GOD WANT ANIMAL SACRIFICES?

“He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog’s neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine’s blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.” Isaiah 66:3

David: “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 wilt not despise.” Psalms 51:16-17

Amos: “I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not hear the melody of your viols. Though ye give me bread and drink, and that ye offer me burnt offerings and sacrifices, and take away from me the noise of thy songs; and I will not hear the melody of thy viols. But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.” Amos 5:21-24

It seems an incredible thought, but, as Jude said they did to the grace of God, ungodly men had also “turned the Law of Moses into lasciviousness.” They believed they could sin with abandon as long as they covered it with permission to sin.” As long as they offered another sacrifice. They believed they could sin with abandon as long as they covered it with another sacrifice.

“For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.” Hebrews 10:4

Contrary to popular opinion, the blood of animals could not “cover” the sins of those who did not “repent with broken spirits and contrite hearts” Psalms 51:17. Still, in any circumstance, it could not wash a single sin from the heart of any person.

The blood of Jesus was not shed as a covering for sin. It was shed to wash us from our sins. The Bible tells us, “Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.” Hebrews 13:12

Christ came into the world “to make an end of sins” and “bring in everlasting righteousness” Daniel 9:24-25. The apostle John said, “…and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” 1 John 1:7. Those who are not “cleaned,” yet seek a “covering” in grace to “continue in sin” will meet the same fate as those who “continued in sin” under the Law Romans 2:12.

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