

Leviticus 1:1

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of identifying with Christ as our substitute in order to have fellowship with God and experience spiritual peace.

Scripture: Leviticus 1:3

Topics: "Identity in Christ", "Substitutionary Atonement"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes that humanity was created for fellowship with God, but sin severed that connection, leading to spiritual death. He explains that the way back to God is through substitutionary death, as illustrated by the sacrifices in the Old Testament, which ultimately point to Christ as the perfect sacrifice. Smith highlights the importance of identifying with Christ in His death and resurrection, asserting that many Christians struggle with peace and commitment because they fail to fully embrace their identity in Him. The sermon calls for believers to recognize their need for Christ as their substitute and to live in the reality of their new life in Him.

Transcript

"CHRIST OUR SUBSTITUTE"

I. MAN'S ORIGINAL STATE.

A. Created by God for fellowship.

1. The claimant inner cry of man today is for that fellowship.

2. There is a certain unrest in man.

B. To maintain that fellowship man must be aligned with God's purposes.

1. God warned man concerning misalignment.

a. "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

b. Adam ate, Adam died and the history of man plunged downward immediately.

2. The death of which God warned was spiritual death which would ultimately eventuate physical death.

C. Ever since Adam's severance of his ties with God, man has sought to fill this void within his life.

II. THE WAY TO GOD IS THROUGH SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH.

A. This was realized early in history - Abel.

B. Through Moses God established the law of sacrifices.

1. Vs. 3, "Shall offer it of own voluntary will."

a. Man's free choice exercised in garden.

b. God never forces Himself upon us.

2. Vs. 4, "He shall nut his hand upon the head heavily."

a. Thus he identified himself with the sacrifice. All my guilt going on this animal, & as animal dies, I die. Thus penalty for my sin answered.

3. "It shall be accented for him."

a. God would accent the death of the animal for the death of the man who was thus identified with the animal.

4. "To make atonement for him."

C. Man had many needs, thus various sacrifices.

1. Burnt offering whole commitment.

2. Meal offering of praise (fellowship of praise - Let us offer unto God..

3. Peace offering - Peace with God - your life can never be settled until you accent this.

4. Sin offering - sins - missing the mark - ignorance.

5. Trespass offering - deliberate crossing the line.

D. All of these offerings pre-figured & pointed to Christ, the perfect sacrifice.

III. IDENTIFIED WITH CHRIST

A. Man accept Christ for their substitute in the sin & trespass offerings & go

no further or worse yet, try to present themselves from there.

1. Begin to offer to God my own works of self-righteousness.

2. Many Christians still have no peace.

a. They have not identified with Christ here.

3. Many have not a life of praise - failure to identify.

4. Many have not full surrender & commitment again a failure to identify

with Christ.

When He died, I died - when He was buried, I was buried - when He arose in newness of life, I arose in Him.

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