

BIBLE STUDY

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Leviticus 1:4-9

Let's Dig In together

The Burnt Offering

(a Picture of Christ):

the Only Way to Approach God,

the Only Way to Become Acceptable and Reconciled to God

by the offering of a sacrifice, a substitute.

The Burnt offering pictured the atonement, the ransom price, paid to reconcile and make man acceptable to God.

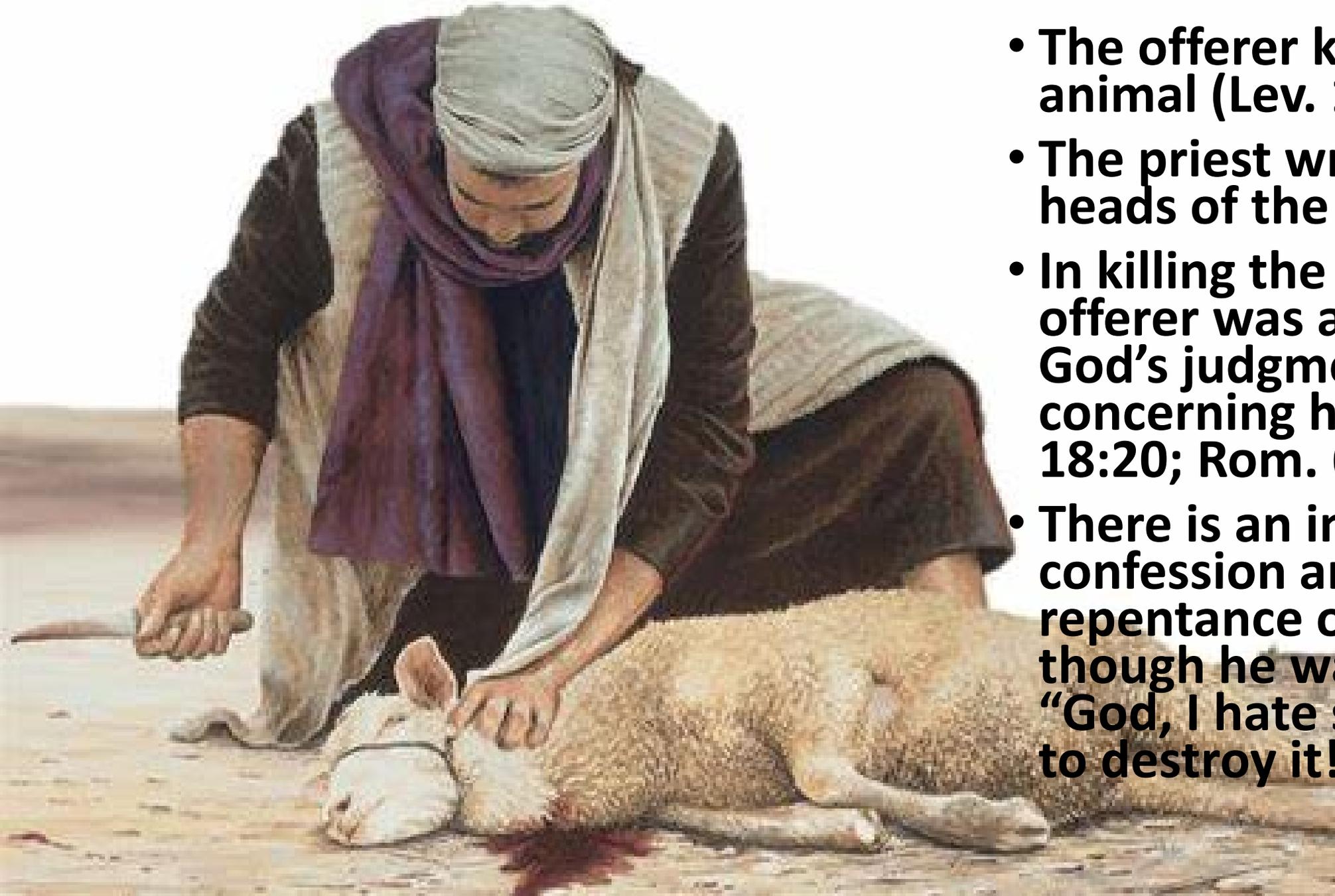
This is a picture of salvation, of Jesus Christ dying for us, of His paying the ransom price so that we might escape the penalty of death.

This offering/substitute is provided by God himself.



Review Summary:

- **God, not man, determined the way (v. 1).**
- **God appointed a mediator (Moses) to reveal the way (v.1).**
- **God opened the way for all: To seek atonement/reconciliation through sacrifice (v. 2).**
- **God told the rich how to approach Him (vv. 3–9).**
- **God told the average person how to approach Him (vv. 10–13).**
- **God told the poor how to approach Him (vv. 14–17).**



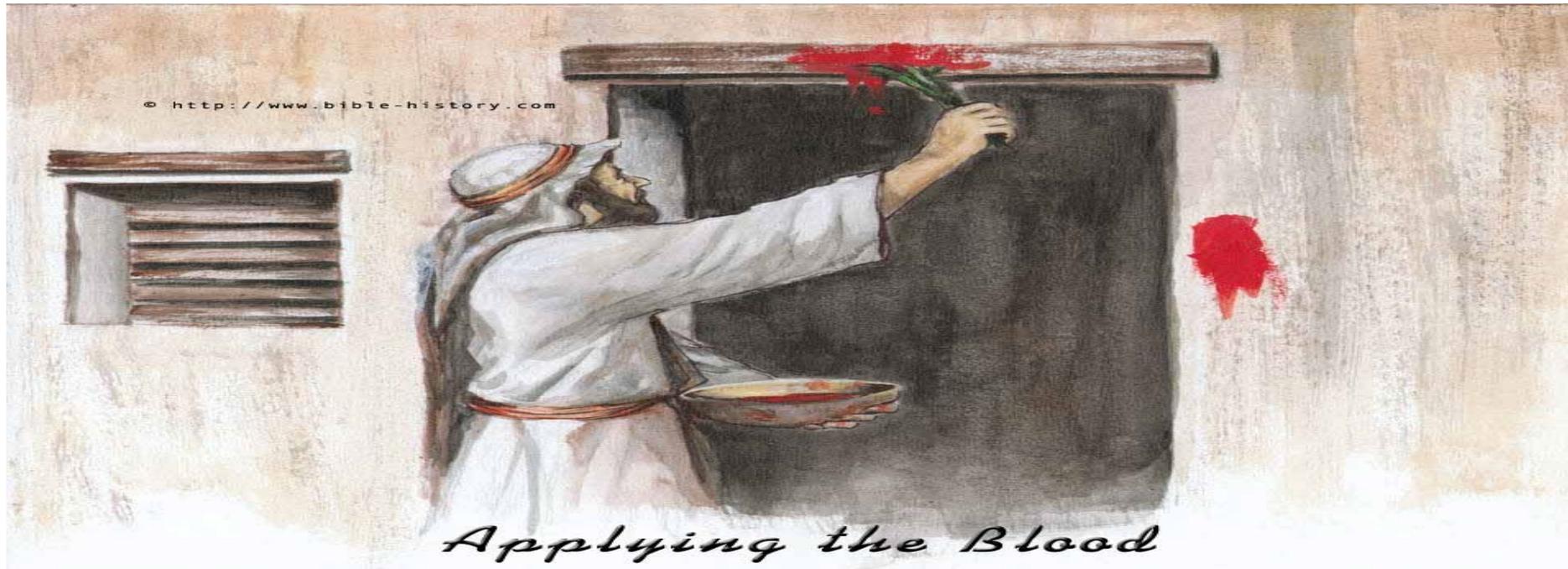
- The offerer killed the animal (Lev. 1:5, 11).
- The priest wrung the heads of the birds (v. 15).
- In killing the animal, the offerer was agreeing with God's judgment concerning his sin (Eze. 18:20; Rom. 6:23).
- There is an implied confession and repentance of sin, as though he was saying, "God, I hate sin and want to destroy it!"



- **Similarly, Christ was slain for our sins (Acts 2:23; Isa. 53:6; 1 Pet. 2:24) and we put to death the old man of sin by identifying with Christ in baptism (Rom. 6:1-11).**
- **We must realize that our sins are what drove the nails through his hands and feet, putting Him to death. That's what we deserved!**

- **The priests, not the offerer, sprinkled the blood on the sides of the altar in the courtyard of the tabernacle for atonement (Lev. 1:5, 11, 15).**
- **The people were dependent upon the priests for atonement.**
- **The blood stood for life and was required for atonement (Lev. 17:11).**

- **God taught Israel this lesson when He plagued Egypt with the death of the firstborn, saying, “When I see the blood, I will pass over you” (Exo. 12:13). All must depend upon Christ as sacrifice and priest to carry out the atoning process through His blood (Heb. 9:24-26).**



COVERED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS

BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR TRESPASSES,
ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE
EPHESIANS 1:7

- The offerer removed (flay-to peel off) the skin of the animal (Lev. 1:6, 16).
- The skins would be given to the priests. Perhaps, this was done to eliminate the stench of burning hair from the courtyard.
- When the man and woman first sinned in Eden, God provided skins to cover their nakedness (Gen. 3:21). God has provided Christ to cover our sins (Rom. 4:7).

HATEFULNESS

- **He cut the sacrifice into pieces (Lev. 1:6, 12, 17).**
- **This was the Hebrew way of making a covenant. It goes back to Genesis 15 when Abraham offered a sacrifice to God by cutting the animals in two, down the middle.**
- **Before the sacrifice was burned on the altar, the offerer would wash the entrails and legs with water (Lev. 1:9, 13). This was to remove the blood or anything else that might contaminate the sacrifice.**
- **Blood was not offered as “a sweet aroma”, but for atonement. It is the offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord.**

- **The offerer would mentally identify himself with the animal through each stage of the ritual. It was as though he was saying to God, “I give this animal to you as representative of myself.”(v.4)**



- Finally, the priest would burn the sacrifice on the altar (Lev. 1:7-9, 12-13, 17).
- He would put fire on the altar, lay the wood in order on the fire, then put the pieces of the sacrifice on the wood.
- The fires would turn it into smoke, and it would be fumed as incense to God.

