



NEW LIFE

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THE SACRIFICIAL LAMB

By Vince Dorazio

In the book of Genesis we read of the first offering to God when Cain and Abel made an offering to God of their first fruits of the land. Was this an offering to atone for the sin of their parents, Adam and Eve, or was it something else?

But God rejects Cain's offering of the fruit of the ground and accepts Abel's offering of the fatty portion from his herd. I have often wondered why Cain's offering was rejected by God. Was Cain's offering not as good as his brother Abel or was it something else? The scripture isn't clear about the details as to why God rejected Cain's offering. We can only draw our own conclusion. (See Gen 4)

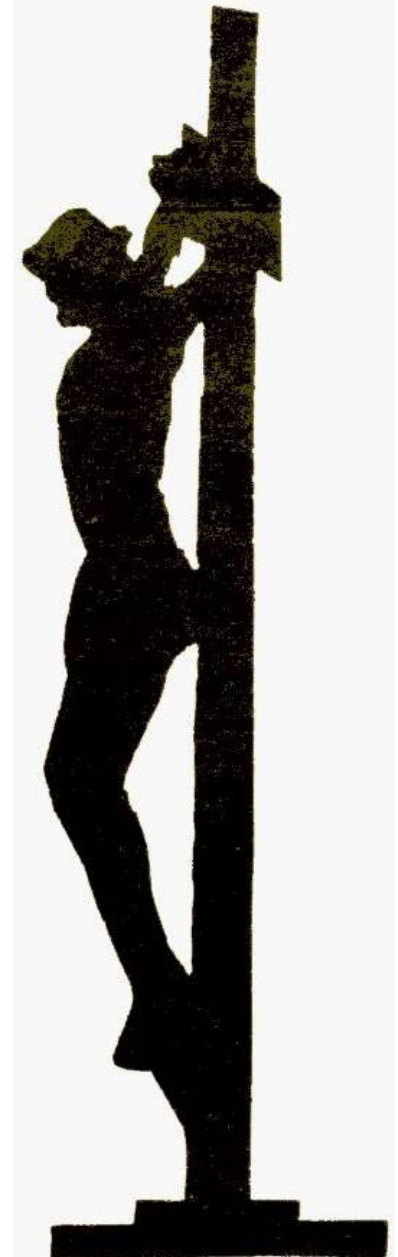
My personal thought about this is that maybe Cain did not make this offer with "good" intentions. Something like he felt he had to make an offering, and he did it because it was required of him. But his intention wasn't in it. Or maybe Cain was jealous of his brother in that he felt Abel didn't seem to be hard at work being a herder of sheep while he worked in the hot sun farming the land.

It was something like when Jesus tells us, ***"If you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."*** (Matthew 5:23-24)

It wasn't until Noah when we read of another offering that Noah made to God, this time with "clean" animals. **(The books of Leviticus chapter 11 and Deuteronomy 14 list the animals that were considered clean and unclean.)** This offering seems to be an offering of thanksgiving for surviving the flood on the earth. (Gen 8:20)

Then we read of Abraham who is told to sacrifice his son Isaac on a mountain altar. But he is stopped by God and instead sacrifices a young ram as a "burnt offering" to God. (Gen 22:1-13)

What was the purpose of a "burnt" offering? It's possible that when Abel made his offering up to God it was a "burnt" offering. (Gen 4:4) Noah's "burnt" offering of clean animals is a "pleasing



aroma to God". (Gen 8:20) So in a sense a "burnt offering" could mean to "rise up in smoke". ***"The smoke from the sacrifice ascended to God, a soothing aroma to the LORD" (Leviticus 1:9)***

THE LAW OF MOSES

When Moses led the people out of Egypt and brought the Israelites to Mount Sinai, God gave the people His Ten Commandments. God also gave them many more commandments of how they should live and conduct their daily lives, including what foods were "clean" and "unclean" that was suitable for eating. These laws became known as **"The Law of Moses"**. He also instructed them in many offerings, including "burnt offerings". For the most part when a "burnt offering" was made it was to atone for their sins. With the law, God gave the Israelites specific instructions as to the types of burnt offerings and what they were for. (See Leviticus 6:8-13) In many cases a young year old lamb was used, and it became known as a "sacrificial lamb"

The lamb was considered to be the purest animal of all the other animals. It was also considered to be the most valuable. Not only was it good for consumption but the lamb's skin was soft and comfortable for clothing.

JESUS

The fulfillment of the "burnt offering" is in Jesus' crucifixion on the cross. Jesus now replaces the burnt offerings for the atonement of sins, and He becomes the **Sacrificial Lamb** and sheds His blood for all mankind to atone for all our sins. It is in this moment that the relationship between God and human creation now

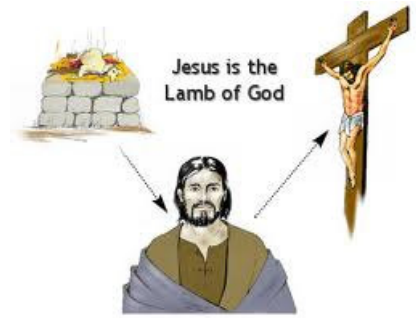
becomes one. Since the day of Adam and Eve's sin, the gates of Heaven were closed for all mankind. Now in the crucifixion of Jesus (**the sacrificial lamb**), the veil that once separated man and God is now torn from top to bottom. It is in this moment when Jesus says **"IT IS FINISHED"** that the gates of Heaven are open for all creation. The mission that Jesus came to do is complete! **HALLELUJAH!**

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

Body and Blood

Each time we attend Mass we celebrate and participate in the offering of the sacrifice of the Lamb of God, We celebrate not only His death on the cross, but we also celebrate His resurrection of New Life that was prophesied by the prophets. At Mass, the priest repeats the words that Jesus spoke at the last supper; **"take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you."** and **"take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me."** This is the moment that replaces the 'burnt offerings' of the Old Testament days. It is a time that should be responded with a victorious acclamation, something like **'My Lord and My God'!**

Celebrate the forgiveness of sin and the Resurrection of Jesus



Prayer Request

If you have a need for prayer, we would like to add your request to our daily prayer list.

Send us your individual prayer request and we will add your request to our daily prayer list. Also please remember to add to your daily prayers all those who send in a request who are in need of your daily prayers. Send your request to:

**New Life CRM
6253 Penn Avenue South
Richfield MN. 55423**

Please also pray for the New Life Renewal Ministry that we may do all that God asks of us.



POPE FRANCIS

May our Lord Jesus continue to bless you abundantly with the gifts of His Holy Spirit of wisdom and knowledge as you shepherd His flock.

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Your can become a partner in the New Life Renewal Ministry in two (2) ways.

FINANCIALLY and VOLUNTEERING

1) **FINANCIALLY:** We receive **NO** funding from any organization and depend on your donations to keep New Life Ministry functioning. We are registered as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt ministry with the federal government and state of Minnesota. All donations we receive are tax exempt listed as a charitable organization.

2) **VOLUNTEER:** We are always in need of volunteers to participate in our Days of Renewal, Charismatic Masses, and other events we sponsor.

Please look over the information on the right and consider becoming a partner with New Life Renewal Ministry either with your donations or by becoming a volunteer or both.

You can go to our website and click "**Partner**" or you can send your request by mail. Thank you for your support.

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VOLUNTEER PARTNER:

PRAYER TEAM: Pray for the needs of New Life Renewal. Your prayers are needed and very much appreciated for the following;

- For God to lead and direct us in all we do and that we will accomplish all that He asks of us.
- That we will be instrumental in transforming many people to recognize that Jesus is Lord in their lives.
- That the Lord will send us musicians and singers to lead us in Praise and Worship at all our events.
- That the Lord will provide all our financial needs to keep this ministry functioning.
- That God will bless all our Partners and supply all their needs according to His riches and Glory.
- That God will give us Wisdom and Knowledge in this ministry.

VOLUNTEERS: Become a volunteer member serving in the New Life Renewal Ministry. Volunteers are needed at every level.

Days Of Renewal and Conferences: Volunteer needed as Ushers, Registration, Hospitality, Refreshments, Set Up & Take Down.

CHARISMATIC MASS: Volunteers needed for Music, Readers, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Refreshments, Set Up and Take Down.

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**Twin City Area Wide
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
REVIVAL
MEETING**

**Thursday, 7:30 PM
April 25, 2013**

**Thursday, 7:30 PM
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**PEOPLE OF JOY
CHARISMATIC PRAYER
MEETINGS
THURSDAYS 7:30 PM**

**St Albert's Catholic Church
3200 East 29 Street, Mpls MN
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**Come join with us to proclaim
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**