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Dear Associates and Friends,

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“[Human Sacrifice in Scripture](#)” is the Doctrinal article for September. This information has always been available in your Bible from Genesis to Revelation, but it is disturbing to consider. In this article I present a comprehensive review of the uncomfortable information about human sacrifice, good and evil.

The biblical information about human sacrifice is disturbing to think about, even though the practice of human sacrifice involved all peoples and all nations throughout world history. The practice continues today, even in the most “civilized” countries, at the highest levels of society, just as it was done in ancient times. At present the practice is illegal, but before Christ returns, that also may change.

Imagine society as it was during the reigns of evil kings of Israel and Judah in the Old Testament. While great evils occur in every society around the world constantly, what would it be like if public religious murder of men, women, and children was authorized by the supreme leader of government to supposedly satisfy the demands of a bloodthirsty minor deity who is not the Creator. That was the situation in ancient nations, including ancient Israel and Judah.

Human sacrifice occurs today and likely is happening at this moment as you read these words. After all, there are over 7 billion people in this world. Even if a small percentage of people are supremely evil, that still allows for many perpetrators and victims.

Human beings are created in the image of God and some depraved people seek to challenge and attack God by killing other human beings for religious reasons. They do so because a spirit being tells them to do so. Scripture describes and gives the reasons for that depravity, even though we may not want to think about such matters.

In this article I have not presented much information beyond what the Scriptures tell us. There is much current information on this subject. After reading this article, news reports of ritual murders happening around the world will make sense to you. God tells us about these acts in Scripture because we need to know about the extent of evil in this world, even if we have not experienced it ourselves.

There was a true and divine purpose for one human sacrifice — and one only. It has already occurred, and it was a marvelous event. In fact, that human sacrifice was essential to your salvation, even though it was a horrendous crime at the time.

The Result of the One Good Human Sacrifice

Only God can give His grace. Only God can give His righteousness to us for our salvation. God sent Christ to be His human sacrifice on our behalf to fully connect us to God our Father, as the apostle Paul explains:

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his [God’s] grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God has set forth to be a propitiation [a covering] through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of [the world’s and your] sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believes in Jesus.”

• **Romans 3:23–26**

God offered for Christ’s sacrificial blood to cover my sins, your sins, and the sins of the world. As a result of Christ’s action (to sacrifice Himself for our sakes), God declared the sins of the world to be made **“his righteousness”** to those who believe in Jesus. It will encompass every human being (1 Timothy 4:10).

“Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

• *Galatians 1:3-5*

“And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”

• *1 John 2:1-2*

The great sin and evil of human sacrifice still occurs today in civilized and less civilized countries. It is a continual world-wide practice like slavery at the end-time (Revelation 18:13), along with sex trafficking.

It is all encouraged by supernatural beings interacting with top levels of human societies. These beings are the same entities Paul told about:

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but

- against principalities,
- against powers,
- against the rulers of the darkness of this world,
- against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God.”

• *Ephesians 6:11-13*

Such spirit beings do exist. The Scriptures and ritual survivors throughout history testify they are real, and their time is getting short. When Christ returns, they will be stripped of their power, sovereignty, rule, and wickedness shall end.

Human nature has not improved since biblical times. It has deteriorated. Paul wrote to Timothy about the last days in 1 Timothy 3:13: “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse [not better and better], deceiving, and being deceived.” He is talking about horrific evil. “Men and seducers” shall become “worse and worse,” not better, no increase in morality or righteousness. He wrote about such people (in Romans chapter 1), about the principalities and powers (Colossians 2:15) that Christ has spoiled and triumphed over.

If there is a change to public morality in the future (which I believe will happen), it will be because God will reveal Himself in creation and the world will be in awe. The change will be real, but superficial and temporary for most people. They will fear punishment but will not truly seek righteousness by repentance from sin and evil. If you want to know the will of God, read the following passages in sequence:

- [1] In Ephesians 1:9-10 we find out that we can know “the mystery” of God’s will.
- [2] In 1 Timothy 2:3-6 Paul tells us what God’s sovereign will is for all humanity.
- [3] Return to Ephesians 1:11; it tells us God will fulfill His will according to His own decisions.

Thank You

This month’s article has been difficult to compile because the material is unpleasant and in our everyday lives we should want to think about uplifting things as Paul tells us in Philippians 4:8, concluding with “think on these things.” Then read verse 9. We have a marvelous future to think about, for we shall see Christ and we shall be like Him (1 John 3:2), because of what Christ and our Father have done for us — all according to their plan from before the foundation of the world.

I am thankful we can present this information to you, information you need to know. You help us research and publish because of your contributions to ASK, as God leads you to give. May He bless you for doing so.

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