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## EDITORIAL

### SACRIFICE

And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if ye offer the lame and the sick, is it not evil? Offer it now to thy governor: Will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts. Mal. 1-8. Because man had sinned and broken God's law, Justice demanded that he should die; but mercy provided a substitute in our Lord Jesus Christ who died in man's place, and therefore made salvation possible to all who believe on him. Therefore as an expression of our faith in the sacrifice of Jesus, God ordained that man should offer clean beasts in sacrifice to him which was done from the beginning, for we read that when the two sons of Adam went to worship they offered sacrifice to God: but Cain's sacrifice was rejected because it lacked the blood of a clean beast which Abel offered as a symbol of his faith in the atoning blood of Jesus our Redeemer, and which was accepted by God, and by which he obtained witness that he was righteous. God testifying of his gifts. That was long before the days of Moses who by divine authority gave the children of Israel many laws concerning offerings and sacrifices; but previous to the giving of the law by Moses we read that not only Adam and his sons offered sacrifices, but also Noah and his descendants, Abraham and his posterity, Job and Melchizedek offered sacrifices to God. Alexander Cruden says that a sacrifice differed from an ordinary offering in this, that in a sacrifice there must be a real change or destruction of the thing offered, whereas an oblation is but a simple offering of a gift. This explains why Cain's offering was rejected. He offered only the fruits of the ground which did not involve the sacrifice of a life as did Abel's offering, hence could not be a type of the suffering and death of Jesus, which every sacrifice acceptable to God represented. There were two other things necessary to a sacrifice. One was, it must be a willing offering, and also of first quality. No second rate victim such as a blind, or blemished, or sick animal was accepted. It was because the Jews were using inferior animals for sacrifice in Malachi's day that God brought the charge against them found in our text, and pronounced a curse upon them instead of a blessing. Evidently they were like many people of our time who seem to think that any little thing they do for the Lord's cause is acceptable to him. Any little money, or time that they have left over after their own interests are served they give to the Lord. Well, the Lord would not accept

such offerings in Malachi's day and why should he today? This may explain why so many professors of religion have so little blessing on their souls. The Apostle Paul in writing to the Church at Rome, said, I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Note, their sacrifice was to be a living sacrifice. Whereas the death of Jesus was the great antitype of all the lives of clean beasts, offered before his crucifixion, and the last and only life given that could meet the demand of justice, or atone for man's sin, then the only sacrifices acceptable to God since the crucifixion of Jesus would be living sacrifices, or lives redeemed by the blood of Jesus, and given to him in consecration to be spent in his service and for his glory. This is what the apostle calls "our reasonable service." The spirit of sacrifice has characterized the service of the followers of Jesus in all ages. Now to come a little nearer to where we all live, let us ask this question: How much sacrifice is there in our service these days? In other words do we put the needs of God's cause before our own? Do we give, and do for the cause of Christ until we really suffer? When we read of the sacrifice made by the early church: How they sold their houses and lands and gave the money to support poor Christians, and in addition to that, because of their testimony for Jesus they were persecuted, beaten, imprisoned, stoned, and wandered about in sheep skins and goat skins, in dens and caves of the earth, and were put to death in every cruel way., and rejoiced because they were counted worthy to suffer for His sake. And when we contrast their experiences with the lives of the professing Christians of our day, who live in luxury in finely furnished, and comfortable homes, wear fine clothing, pay more for a pair of stockings than their mothers and grandmothers would pay for a dress; patronize the beauty shops, getting permanents and spending money enough in just trying to look pretty, to support a native preacher in Africa or some other foreign land to carry the gospel to thousands who have never heard it. We want to ask, Where is the spirit of sacrifice which characterized those followers of Christ in past days? Of course we know there are some good people yet who do without some things that would add to their comfort for the sake of giving more to the cause of Christ; but not very many of us I fear are really giving or serving in a sacrificial spirit. I am thinking that if the long lost spirit of sacrifice could again be restored to the church of Christ, then we might again lift up Christ in that sacrificial spirit which would draw men unto him.

### GOD IS LOVE

By Rev. H. A. Lehwald

By reading history, we find that men and women of all centuries have tried to define God. Some of these documents have been fairly simple and very interesting, while others were long and complex, and needed themselves to be defined. I have wondered many times, as I read them, if some of these definitions haven't grieved the very heart of God (humanly speaking), and never satisfied the inquiring heart of man until God the Holy Spirit spake through John those wonderful words "GOD IS LOVE."

Love: "God showed His love for us, in that,

while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Love: God sent Jesus, His only begotten Son, into the world to die for men. Love: Christ the "light of the world", "the bright and morning star," "the Sun of righteousness with healing in His wings", came to seek and to save that which was lost. Love: the balm of the soul; the power of life; that something that the Creator had planted in the bosom of man in creation's dawn; that something that enabled man to meet the Lord God in sweet fellowship in the cool of the day in the primeval Garden of Eternal Love.

Truly the definition, "God is Love" found, and finds, a response in every regenerated heart, moving every fiber or emotion of the soul back to its own original source, God the Creator, Who can express the Joy of the Soul as the sound, "God is Love", reaches its ear? May we not stop a moment and listen? Can we not feel the emotion? Why is the tear rolling down the cheek? Why the radiance on the face? Why the glad Hallelujah coming up as a power or force which cannot be quenched? Why the night turned into day—sorrows into gladness—sufferings into joy? Why a glorious separation from a world that henceforth has no charm? Why, though friends and loved ones forsake us, is the Voice that speaks within, "Thou art more than all"? Why? The answer comes right back, GOD IS LOVE.

Look around you and behold yonder buildings that are called humanitarian institutions—Hospitals and Sanatoriums for the sick and the dying—Homes for the homeless and for the needy who have been bruised by sin—Institutions that have taken the broken-down and neglected old men and women, and have placed them in the loving care of nurses until the eternal spirits have left the tenements of clay and winged their flight into Eternity. What is the answer to it all? GOD IS LOVE.

Which is the greatest and most powerful Nation on earth? Is it the one that is most potent in the destruction of life, and the addition of territory? No! Which denomination is the most successful Church on earth, according to Heaven's estimate? Is it the one that has the most magnificent cathedrals, or the largest enrollment of members, or is greatest in this world's social standing, or wealth, or honors? No! Who is the most saintly Saint? He who may be an orator, or who can pray the loudest, or sing the most wonderfully, or who is the greatest money-giver? Listen to Paul in I. Cor., the 13th Chapter: Love is the greatest of all.

Jesus exemplified the Love of God while He was here on earth, and then went Home to wear the Victor's Crown. But before he left, He said to His disciples, "Follow thou Me." "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for GOD IS LOVE."—I John 4:7, 8.

"Would you like to know the sweetness  
Of the Secret of the Lord?

Go and hide beneath His shadow —  
This shall then be your reward."

—The Bible Christian.

A true and faithful Christian does not make holy living a mere incidental thing. It is his great concern. As the business of the soldier is to fight, so the business of the Christian is to like Christ.—Jonathan Edwards.

A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.