

GOD'S BIBLE PROPHECY COMMANDS ANIMAL SACRIFICE

The God of the Torah commands the making of sacrifices to God by priests, the Levites. These sacrifices are to be of animals and sometimes fruits and crops. They were offered to honour God and to obtain his pardon and to gain many other favours. Sacrifices in Jesus' day took place at the Temple. Since it was destroyed the practice has vanished. Christians claim that Jesus died as the only proper sacrifice so animal sacrifice is not abolished but just not needed. They commit the heresy of saying they will never be restored.

The sect that reads the Bible the most, the Christadelphians, which is intellectual in tone, teaches that the Temple in Jerusalem will be rebuilt and priests and sacrifice restored. With their obsession with prophecy it is plain that their stance on this issue has more weight than the Christian who questions it.

The Book of Zechariah predicts that when God finally takes over the world that sacrifice and the feast of Booths which entailed a lot of spilling of animal blood (Leviticus 23) will still be carried out (Zechariah 14). Ezekiel 40 onwards speaks of a new Temple in which there will be priests and where the rites of the Torah, the Law, will be observed including blood sacrifice and circumcision. Only God could restore the Zadokite priesthood it speaks of so God approves of all this. It is absurd to say that these portions of Ezekiel are symbolic for they contain no indication of that. Orthodox Christians are only trying to justify their hatred of its teaching. The prophets never say that the law of animal sacrifice will be abolished. It could be argued that since there are no priests that Christians have to follow the Old Testament liturgy for sacrifice as far as they can and offer the sacrifices themselves. The Torah has people who did that before God ordained priests to do it.

If Malachi 1:11 refers to an acceptable sacrifice that will be offered by the nations in messianic times as most claim then it means animal sacrifice offered by them as a whole. Catholics take it as a prophecy of the sacrifice of the Mass which is the same sacrifice as that of Jesus. But the Mass is contrary to the Bible. And Malachi says the sacrifice will be brought to God. Nobody can bring the sacrifice of Calvary to God for it cannot be repeated in time and space as Catholics themselves admit.

Malachi 3 contains a prophecy about the messenger of the covenant coming before the Lord comes to the Temple. Jesus taught that it was about John the Baptist. But the coming is has in mind is the coming of this personage to judge the world and it says that it will be almost unbearable. John's coming was not like that. We are told that the messenger will purify the priests so that the sacrifice of Jerusalem and Judah will please God like it used to do. The prophecy certainly speaks of what will happen in the era after Jesus if it is from God. It says that sacrifice is not to be stopped.

In Malachi 3:6-12 God tells us first that he is the Lord and the Ruler and he changes not so he means he does not change his laws. Then he complains about his laws not being kept and he says Israel has robbed him by not paying tithes and animals for sacrifice into his storehouse. He makes threats if this is not done. It could not be plainer that this prophet was trying to make loads of money. The prophet admitted that Israel was appallingly disloyal to God and the priesthood was as bad so how it have been entitled to these goods?

Afterwards God addresses the few just people in Israel and he tells them they shall see who is righteous and who is not and that fire from Heaven will burn the wicked. In other words, those who do not adhere to the Law as they know it will burn.

The Law is to last forever.

Christians argue lamely from silence that storehouse tithing is not for Christians though the New Testament never addresses the issue and could not have practiced it itself and it is argued that none was commanded by the Law either which is supposed to show that the rule was only temporary (Storehouse Tithing, Does the Bible Teach it?). But the Law did not envisage storehouse tithing in a literal storehouse but the tithes and animals had to be kept in some kind of outfit so in principle it did agree with it.

A book that Catholics have added to the Bible, Sirach, says that the promise of God to give the priesthood to the Levites will last forever (45:15). Some say that the verse means that the promise was only everlasting to the Levites who lived then and not to all who descended from them. Now, what use is priesthood to dead people? Later on their interpretation is done away for we read that the high priesthood belongs to Phinehas and to his descendants for all time and then that the priesthood of Aaron belongs to all who have him for a forefather. If the priesthood is perpetual then sacrifice is still meant to continue.

Catholics treat animal sacrifices as something vile and satanic little knowing that they are supposed to offer it. Bible experts among them know the real truth. The Bible does not command the Catholic Mass but does command animal sacrifice which says a lot.

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