

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

**Title: Revelation of The Lamb, Part 1**

**Text: Genesis 22:1 - 23**

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation to BELIEVE that Jesus Christ, the LAMB of God, is CENTRAL to the whole of Scripture.

1 Timothy 4:13, “*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.*”

**Introduction:**

Review of the last Sunday’s devotional:  
The Habit of Witnessing

1. Divine POWER to Witness
2. Divine Impartation of LOVE
3. Divine Impartation of LIGHT
4. Divine Impartation of SALT
5. Divine COMMAND

“*There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.*”

Hamlet by William Shakespeare

Read: Genesis 22:1 – 23

In the next two devotionals we will take an introductory look at the unfolding revelation of the Lamb of God (our precious Lord Jesus Christ); to this end, each week, we will consider five key portions of Holy Scripture:

Genesis 4:3 – 7; Genesis 22; Exodus 12;  
Leviticus; Isaiah 53

John 1; Acts 8; 1 Peter 1:18 -21; Revelation 5;  
Revelation 21 - 22

**1. The LAMB was the EXPECTED offering:**

~ Genesis 4:3 – 7, “*In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, (4) and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, (5) but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. (6) The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? (7) If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”*”

~ Consider verse 7 and the comment, “*will you not be accepted?*”

~ Consider the balance of verse 7 and compare with 2 Corinthians 10:4 – 6, “*For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. (5) We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raise against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, (6) being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.*”

**2. The LAMB was PROVIDED by God Almighty:**

~ Genesis 22, in particular verses 7 and 8  
“*And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” (8) Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.*”

**3. The LAMB had to shed its BLOOD:**

~ Exodus 12:1 - 28, in particular verses 3, 7 and 13  
(3) “*Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of the month every man shall take a lamb according to their father’s houses, a lamb for a household.*”  
(7) “*Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.*”  
(13) “*The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.*”

~ Notice that the primary purpose of the blood of the LAMB in the account of the Exodus was to deliver (redeem) the people of Israel from bondage (slavery in Egypt).

**4. The LAMB had to be without BLEMISH:**

~ Levitical rules regarding animal offerings, including the LAMB, required that they be without blemish: Leviticus 3:1, 4:3, 5:15, 5:18, 6:6, 22:21, 22:25, 23:12

~ The offering had to be of the best and not some reject (I think of cattle producers today and how their animal is docked valve for any defects).

**5. The LAMB is a PERSON:**

~ Isaiah 53:1 - 12

~ Notice the primary purpose of the blood of this LAMB is to remove sin!

**Conclusion:**

Hymn – What Can Wash Away My Sin