

When the children of Israel were in the wilderness, God instructed them to set up a tabernacle as a place of meeting between Him and them. Near the door of the tabernacle was an altar. It speaks of the claims God makes on the righteousness of Man. For this reason, an offering had to be killed, its blood sprinkled all around on the altar and its body burnt on the altar before one was counted worthy to go into God's presence.

The sprinkling of the blood of a bull or goat all around on that altar meant that the Israelites were under the covering of the blood of that animal. Even when they sinned, their sins were covered by the blood until the next sacrifice. The blood speaks of Jesus' blood shed for us at the Cross. Yet, His blood is worth so much more than the blood of bulls and goats because His blood is effective forever! In fact, His blood has met every single claim of God on Man to the point that God is so completely satisfied that He now enjoys the savour of rest in what His Son has done.

You too can rest knowing that God is fully satisfied with you because of Christ's perfect sacrifice. Even if you fall into sin, you can turn to the blood of Jesus. Your sins are not merely covered by His blood, like how the blood of bulls and goats covered sins. No, your sins have been washed away by *His* blood! (Revelation 1:5) In fact, your sins and lawless deeds God remembers no more. (Hebrews 8:12; 10:17) Jesus was your perfect offering placed on the altar of sacrifice. By just one offering of Himself, "He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified". (Hebrews 10:14) Jesus has not only sanctified you (made you holy), He has perfected you forever! Today, you can enter boldly into God's presence because He sees you the way He sees Jesus. He sees you perfected forever because you are in Christ!

Leviticus 1:5 "He shall kill the bull before the Lord; and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of meeting."