

Question 63

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Q63. What did these sacrifices represent?

A63. Christ, the Lamb of God, who was to die for sinners.

Scripture Base: Gen. 22; Ex. 12, 29:38-39;
John 1:29; Heb. 10: 1-18.

Doctrine: WCF 8:4-6 SC 25

Supplementary Questions

1. How were the Old Covenant sacrifices able to take away sins?

2. Why is Christ called the Lamb of God?

Song: Hymn #307 “Nothing but the Blood of Jesus”

Teaching Notes

Review Q62. How did they show their faith? - *By offering sacrifices on God's altar.*

Scripture: Gen 22 Abraham and Isaac. Ex 12 Passover.

Questions:

1. God's people were told to sacrifice animals in their place, and their sins would be forgiven, but it wasn't these sacrifices that took away their sins (Heb. 10:4). These sacrifices pointed to the only sacrifice that could take away sin. When the one who brought the sacrifice offered it in faith, looking to the sacrifice God would provide – that is to Jesus, the Lamb of God – God forgave them because of His sacrifice.

2. The lamb was a common animal used for sacrifice.

a. The Lord gave Abraham a ram (a male sheep) to sacrifice in the place of his son Isaac (Gen. 22:13). Isaac was a picture of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (As far as Abraham was concerned, Isaac was dead after God's command, but God mercifully substituted a male sheep in his place. This was like Isaac resurrection from the dead.) The ram was a picture of Jesus, the Lamb of God, who took the place of His people on the cross.

b. The Lord commanded the Israelites in Egypt to sacrifice a lamb and to put its blood on the doorposts and lintel (beam across the top of the doorposts), so that the Lord would pass over them in His judgment (Ex. 12:7-13). The blood represented Christ's blood shed for His people. When they sacrificed this lamb in faith, God passed over them in His judgment and mercifully spared them.

c. God commanded His people to sacrifice two lambs every day, one in the morning and one in the evening (Ex. 29:38-39). These sacrifices were a continual reminder to them of their sin and the need of a sacrifice to take their sin away. Again, these sacrifices pointed to Christ.

It is any wonder that John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world? (John 1:29, 35-36).

Gospel: The Old Covenant believers had to bring animal sacrifices in order to receive God's forgiveness. You don't need to bring animal sacrifices to be forgiven, but you do need the only sacrifice God will accept, the one that all those animal sacrifices pointed to: Jesus, the Lamb of God. Look to Jesus and His death on the cross to take away your sins. Trust Him to save you. Only He can.

Extras: Draw the stories of Abraham and Isaac and the Passover lamb
W/S62-63 - sacrifice coloring picture

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