

1. Moses used blood to deal with sacrifice. The lesson was that sin costs life.
2. If we want forgiveness there has to be shedding of blood in some form.
3. In what way would you say that blood has been shed to forgive you?

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29

1. Jesus is shown as the lamb who in sacrifice takes away the sins of the guilty

"For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

Romans 5:10

1. At some stage in life we are God's enemies. Adam and Eve were enemies in that they had to be separated from God
2. Reconciliation is needed. This is done through the death of Jesus. This brings us back into relationship with God
3. Would you change your mode of life in response to this act of reconciliation?

DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

LESSON 23

SANCTUARY AND ITS SERVICES

"Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

Genesis 3:8,9

1. God used to meet freely with Adam and Eve
2. Adam and Eve chose not to meet with God
3. How would you think God feels?

"And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken."

Genesis 3:22,23

1. The result of the rebellion was that Adam and Eve were banished from the garden and from direct contact with God
2. The reason was so that the pair would not have further access to the tree of life
3. Would God try to keep some form of contact?

"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you."

Exodus 25:8,9

1. God sought a way to dwell with His people
2. The setting was in a 'tabernacle'
3. The tabernacle was based on a pattern God provided
4. Why would God provide the plan?

"If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people." The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.

Exodus 33:13,14

1. Moses wanted to be taught God's ways
2. He wanted this on behalf of the people he was leading
3. God's response was that He promised that His Presence would travel with His people. The Presence stayed at the heart of the tabernacle. This suggests that the tabernacle was the place where the people learned about God's ways

"Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray"

Hebrews 5:1,2

1. The High Priest of the tabernacle was to represent the people before God and offer sacrifices for sins
2. The High Priest's aim is to help the people he is working for— he is not condemn
3. What lesson would there have been for God's people in the tabernacle services?

"If a member of the community sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the Lord's commands, he is guilty. When he is made aware of the sin he committed, he must bring as his offering for the sin he committed a female goat without defect. He is to lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slaughter it at the place of the burnt offering. Then the priest is to take some of the blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar."

Leviticus 4:27-30

1. The individual was required to shed blood for his or her own sin when he, or she, discovers their own guilt
2. The priest was there simply to perform a simple ceremony symbolising the transfer of sin
3. Would this act help teach you the 'badness' of sin?

In the same way, he (Moses) sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

Hebrews 9:22