

The Effectiveness of Jesus Christ Based on His Incarnation

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I. The Father's plan to remove sin did not involve OT sacrifices and offerings (Heb. 10:5b, 6, 8).

The law demanded that the people bring sacrifices (using animals) and offerings (using grain and drink) for worship, for consecration, for thanksgiving, for fellowship, and for sins.

When Israel obeyed in these matters, God was pleased. But, in a general sense, God was not pleased for He knew that the sacrifices could not remove sin.

But the good news is that the will of God the Father was never to have animal sacrifices remove sin.

God does not desire sacrifices; He desires hearts devoted in obedience to Him. The only way that is possible is for the heart to be completely and fully changed. That could only happen through one way: through accepting the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

****Jesus Christ is effective because His sacrifice is incalculably better than the animal sacrifices.**

II. The Father's will was to have His Son come to this world to remove sins (Heb. 10:5a, 5c,

****Jesus Christ is effective because He was chosen to do this task and became like one of us.**

God's desire was always to send His Son to become human flesh, to be born in a lowly way and place, to prove Himself in ministry, and to suffer for mankind

This Person would shed His own blood, become our Substitute, and remove sins so that judgment forever can be withheld.

Instead of an animal sacrifice, the writer makes it clear: a body was prepared for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Throughout His whole body and the giving of it, He obeyed and submitted to His Father's plan and will.

Jesus Christ came in human flesh to do a task that the OT sacrificial system could neither fulfill nor complete.

III. The Son's willfulness to obey His Father's will (Heb. 10:7b-9)

****Jesus Christ is effective because His obedience led Him to Calvary, thus fulfilling prophecy.**

"Thus the law must not be regarded as God's final provision for man" (Kent 189). Rather, as has already been reiterated, God's will was that those animals point to the Author of Eternal Salvation (Heb. 5:9). Those rituals pointed to the Redeemer. Those sacrifices pointed to a Savior. The law pointed to the Lamb.

Jesus Christ is qualified because He had the power to take away the first and establish the second. "Christ's sacrifice was complete in every aspect for the removal of sin, bringing about the demise of the Levitical system" (Levy 232).

Conclusion

To summarize, Jesus was qualified to be our sacrifice because:

- **His life was the greater sacrifice, able and adequate to remove sin**
- **God chose Him**
- **Jesus became like us**
- **Christ obeyed all the Father's will**
- **All the old pointed to Him**
- **Christ had the power to institute the new**
- **He was both the Son of God and the Son of man**