

DO YOU KNOW

THE LAMB ?



WORTHY IS THE LAMB!

“And they sung a new song saying,
THOU art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals there of: for THOU wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by THY blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation:

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands (millions):

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the LAMB that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the LAMB for ever and ever.”

Revelation 5:9-13;

WHO IS THE LAMB??

The gospel of John is a book in the New Testament of the Bible. In John 1:29 the scripture states “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him and saith, Behold the LAMB OF GOD which taketh away the sin of the world.” And again in verse 36 “And looking upon Jesus as He walked, he saith, Behold the LAMB OF GOD!”

When John the Baptist spoke these words the crowd should have been reminded of the many lambs that Israel had slain during their history in the many sacrifices they had offered again and again. How many times individuals and the nation of Israel had offered lambs in sacrifice as recorded in the part of the Bible we now call the Old Testament which gives a history of the nation and their form of worship which God had commanded them. Even when Israel was in bondage to Egypt as is recorded in Exodus chapters 1-12 the nation of Israel was delivered from the death of the first born because each family offered a lamb and took the blood and applied it over the door and on each side of the door where they were housed when the death angel passed over Egypt. This is recorded in Exodus 12:1-28 and these words are recorded beginning in verse 29” *And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians: and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said. Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and*

be gone; and bless me also. And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said We be all dead men.” Exodus 12:29-33.

An Old Testament prophet named Isaiah wrote the following in Isaiah 52:13-14 “Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, He shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at thee; His visage (appearance) was so marred, more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men; 53:5-7 “But He was wounded for our transgressions (sins), He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him: and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; (*As a boy we had a riddle=there were 19 sheep in a pasture. One jumped the fence, how many were left? The answer=None because sheep follow the leader. Adam, the first man, led the human race into sin and all we like sheep have followed him into sin*) we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He is brought as a LAMB to the slaughter, and as a sheep before His shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth.” In Mark 15:3-5 during the trial of Jesus to be crucified the scripture states “And the chief priests accused Him of many things: but He answered nothing. And Pilate (the Governor) asked Him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? Behold how many things they witness against thee. But Jesus yet answered nothing: so that Pilate marveled.””

I heard the account of a wicked man who worked in a slaughter house slitting the throat of cattle and sheep in order to drain the blood and kill them. He was passing by a church on a Sunday and decided to step in to see what was going on. The pastor was preaching using Isaiah 53:6 explaining how the human race was like sheep following the leader Adam into sin. He explained how God so loved man kind that He sent His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God to shed His life’s blood on the cross to cover our sins because the life of the flesh is in the blood. Thus, the picture of how Jesus gave His life for us because the wages of sin is death Romans 6:23 states which is why people die. So Jesus became a substitute for us, dying in our place under the wrath of God who is Holy and without sin thus He must punish sin. The man left the church building but was thinking of how Jesus was God’s lamb who willingly gave his life’s blood to save man from sin if a person will accept what Jesus did for each human. He went back to work and the first animal that came to be slaughtered was a lamb. He cut its throat and as the blood spilled onto his hand the lamb licked the blood! The man dropped the knife and ran from the building back to the church because he realized that his sin was what caused the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, to shed His blood on the cross for each of us. The pastor was there and he asked the pastor how to invite the Lord Jesus Christ into His life so the pastor led him in a simple prayer like the following on the next page.

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and that you shed your life's blood for my sin.

I know you died and arose from the grave to guarantee my salvation if I would ask you to come into my life. I now ask you to please forgive me for my sin and send the Holy Spirit into my spirit to do the work of salvation. You stated in Revelation 3:20 that you stand at the entrance of my life waiting for me to invite you into my life and that if I would you would come in and forgive me for my sin. I now trust you as my savior to set me free from the bondage of sin and to give me your eternal life. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I pray, Amen.

The Lord Jesus heard his prayer and changed his life and He will do the same for you if you will invite Him into your life right where you are. He will hear your prayer and give you His gift of salvation!