

He Offered Himself Unblemished to God

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"But Christ has come as a High Priest of good things to come, through a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; nor by the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood He entered in once into the Holy Place (in heaven), having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit Offered Himself Unblemished to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:11-14)

Offered: from the Greek word *prosenenken* a verb which means: offered; from *prospero*: to bring to, to offer to (someone), to present to; - (of gifts, sacrifices, etc).

Himself: from the Greek word *heauton* (which means: himself; denotes that the agent (Jesus) and the person acted on (again Jesus) are the same person. From *autos*: he, him, his.

Unblemished: from the Greek word *amomon* an adjective which means: unblemished; without-spot; blameless; from *a-momos*, meaning un-blemished, without-spot; figuratively: morally and spiritually blameless, unblemished from the marring effects of sin. (In context: just as a sin offering, and the passover sacrifice (a lamb) had to be without spot or defect (see Exodus 12:3-14), so also Jesus offered Himself as an unblemished, sinless offering to God the Father.

God: from the Greek word *Theo* which means: "God, a god; God Almighty, God the Father; the Supreme Being who created all things, and owns, and sustains all things; our Father in heaven. In context, it is our Father in heaven to whom Jesus is offering Himself as a living unblemished sacrifice for the forgiveness (passing over) of our sins - through His shed blood.

Literal: "Himself offered unblemished (to) the God,"

Modern english: "who through the eternal Spirit, Offered Himself Unblemished to God,..."

The necessity of Jesus being an unblemished offering, to God, is an important type of New Covenant fulfillment of the Mosaic Law, where a lamb or calf that was offered as a sin offering, before God, had to be unblemished and without defect of any kind. Consider the following:

"And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them; or If the priest, who is anointed, sins according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he has sinned, **a male calf without blemish (or defect) unto the LORD for a sin offering.**' " (Leviticus 4:1-3)

"Or if his sin, which he has sinned, comes to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, **a male without blemish**: and he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering **before the LORD: it is a sin offering.**" (Leviticus 4:23-24)

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Also consider the law concerning the passover lamb:

“Speak unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man **a lamb**, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for a house. And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. **Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year**; you shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats. And you shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, in which they shall eat it. **it is the LORD'S passover**. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are: and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you**, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; you shall keep it as a feast by an ordinance forever.” (Exodus 12:3-14)

In like manner, Jesus offered Himself as an unblemished, sinless offering to God the Father, so that our sins should be passed over (eternally forgiven).

For even Christ our Passover (Lamb) is sacrificed (offered up) for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” (1Corinthians 5:7-8)

“Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot**; who truly was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who through Him do believe in God, who raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God.” (1 Peter 1:18-21)

“Above when he said, 'Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin You wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; then He said, Lo, I come to do Your will, O God;' He takes away the first (covenant), so that he may establish the second (New Covenant); **by which we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once (for all time)**. And every priest stands daily ministering and offering many times the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this Man, after **He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down on the right hand of God;” (Hebrews 10:8-10-12)

“For He (Jesus) became such a High Priest for us, who is Holy, Innocent, Undefined, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who does not need to daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's; for this He did once, when He offered up Himself.” (Hebrews 7:26-27)

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It is to the Father to whom Jesus offers Himself as a unblemished Lamb of God:

“Be you therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also has loved us, and has **given Himself as an offering and a sacrifice to God** as a sweet-smelling aroma.” (Ephesians 5:1-2)

”And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the Temple was torn in the middle. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, **Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit**: and having said thus, He gave up the spirit. Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, 'Certainly this was a Righteous Man.' And all the people who came together to see that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.” (Luke 23:44-48)

For Jesus, His offering of Himself to God is the same as it was under the law – a most holy (unblemished) offering, but once only, and for all eternity:

“And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it (the alter) once in a year **with the blood of the sin offering of atonements**: once in the year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations: **it is most holy unto the LORD**.” (Exodus 30:10)

The goal of the Father, and of Jesus in offering up Himself Unblemished to God the Father, was to present us also unblemished to the Father, by purging our conscience, and souls from dead sinful works, so that we might serve the living God! Consider the following:

“For it pleased the Father that in Him (in Jesus) should all fulness (of Deity) dwell; and, having made peace through the blood of His cross, through Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; through Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, who were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled In the body of His flesh **through death, to present you (us) holy and unblameable and unproveable** in His sight.” (Ephesians 1:19-22)

“Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, **and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory** with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.” (Jude 1:25)

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**Jesus accomplished this through His shed blood on the Cross!
He gave Himself as a Most Holy perfect offering and sacrifice to God!
Through Jesus our conscience is purged from dead works to serve the living God!
Through Jesus we are presented faultless before the presence of His glory!**

**To the Father and Son, our only wise God and our Savior, be glory and majesty,
dominion and power, both now and ever!**

Amen and Amen! – Always and Always!