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The Record has been Erased

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Overview

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

John's metaphor was not lost on Andrew and his friend.

To them, Lamb meant sacrifice.

The shepherds around Bethlehem when Jesus was born raised hundreds and thousands of sheep

for that special time when people would offer their lambs as sacrifice.

They were to be without blemish a year old.

They were to be set apart for service.

Every Passover, the smoke of the incense and the sacrifice, according to people at that time, rose and filled the whole city of Jerusalem as hundreds of sacrifices were made.

But there was one particular sacrifice.

The Lamb had to be particularly examined.

It was slaughtered and offered by the high priest for the sins of all the people.

History spoke to these two about lambs.

David sang, and you know the words, well, the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

One of the prophets called God the shepherd of Israel.

And you remember the original story of the Passover, that everyone was to take a lamb for their house.

They were to kill the lamb and put the blood on the door posts and the lintel of the house.

And God said, when I see the blood, I will pass over you.

Now another thing that strange about me is that I start singing in the middle of my sermon, and it doesn't mean that it's over.

But April, you know this one.

When I see the blood, when I see the blood, when I see the blood, I will pass over you.

You all should be a choir once more.

When I see the blood, when I see the blood, when I see the blood, I will pass, I will pass over you.

You know, matter of the danger that was outside, if the lamb was slain on the inside, there was safety.

And I don't want to get sidetracked this morning, but I want to tell you under the blood of the lamb that we sang about this morning, there is safety from the storm and the judgment. I say it talked about Messiah as a lamb taken for the slaughter. And as the sheep before her shear is his dumb, so he opened not his mouth. But this particular time when John pointed to Jesus and said, behold, the lamb of God, it must have been strange even though they understood all about the metaphor of the lamb.

This was a two-legged lamb.
This was a lamb like they had never seen.
And Jesus said, or John said, he was not only the lamb, but he was the lamb of God.
And to every Israelite who knew the history of Israel, this was a sacred reference.
Abraham is taking his son up on a mountain to offer him unto the Lord.
And the boy said, there's a wood and a fire.
Dad, where is the sacrifice?
And Abraham said these wonderful words, God will provide for himself a lamb.
Can I stop and say hallelujah this morning?
God will provide a lamb.

This was God's lamb.
This was the lamb of God.
And when Jesus said that, to those, or to one, pardon me, when John said that, to those two people, they immediately thought of those two going up Mount Mariah.
And they both came back because God provided himself a lamb.
And I want to tell you this morning that if you have sinned or done anything wrong and you feel like God should destroy you, he probably should, but he won't if you will put your faith in the lamb, you will come back with him all forgiven.
Hallelujah for that.

This was not only the lamb of God, but he takes away the sin of the world.
Now the old sacrifices covered sin.
The Hebrew word is kofar, and the word kofar has to do with the tar that covered the ark to keep it out of the flood. But I want to tell you something that Jesus' blood, the lamb of God, doesn't only cover your sin as far as the east is from the west, so far as he removed our transgressions from us.

And again, there's another old song I'm tempted to say I'm going to have you all right with this stuff. Joan, where's your mic?
There underneath the blood on the cross of Calvary, as far removed as darkness is from dawn.
In the sea of God's forgetfulness, that's good enough for me.

Praise God, my sins are gone. You say amen to that this morning.

This is the lamb of God who takes away sin. It's gone. And when devil comes to remind you of the

old sins, quote that hymn to him. They're underneath the blood. They've been removed as far as darkness is from dawn. And in God's records of judgment, when you turn to my page, it's all clean. The judgment has been passed and the record has been expunged. Hallelujah for that. He is the lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

And that last phrase was even more amazing because Andrew and his friend would have believed that

Messiah would come and maybe bear the sin of Israel, but grace goes beyond any nation or color or class or status. It's for everybody. He takes away the sin of the whole world, say whole world, say it again. He takes away the sin of the world. There isn't a person who has ever

been born on this planet or ever will be who is outside of that sacrifice, who so ever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. Somebody say, man, you're a quiet this morning. Our song in heaven will not be as many songs of this world are about heartbreak and broken promises.

And even some of the ditties I've heard in church.

Some of you know talk about the old songs as if they were all wonderful. Can I quote one that is absolutely terrible? And I was in a church where they started every Sunday night with it. The time to be happy is now and the place to be happy is here and the way to be happy is to make others happy and we'll have a little heaven down here. Yek. When we get to heaven, it won't be froth and icy. It will be worthy is the lamb slain from the foundation of the world to receive honor and glory and dominion and blessing and power and majesty. Worthy is the lamb. We come to this

table this morning. It is a picture for us of everything that happened when Jesus fulfilled everything John said. And we look to Calvary today and behold the lamb of God because he has taken away

the sin of the whole world. If you will trust him, your sin will be gone. If you have trusted him, he has already blotted it out like a thick cloud. Say worthy is the lamb. If you will lift your hand and say it, say it again and say hallelujah. Thank you Lord Jesus. You are the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Just as I am without one plea.

I so enjoy it when we can get Ken Bombay to come lead us in some very old-fashioned songs that are deep and worthy of repetition. God bless him for being willing to come.

I'm going to ask these brothers to distribute and each of you can take the bread and a cup if you'll take that side. Visitors today, this is the Lord's Table and we're inviting you please consider partaking. Take one little piece of bread, take a cup when it comes, hold on to it and we'll partake of it together. Don't be afraid. Participate with us. We'd be pleased if you do so. Cleansing in the blood of Jesus. Cleansing in the blood of Jesus. White is snow.