

## Eternal Redemption

We need to adjust our perception in regard to Righteousness in 2 areas.

- In regard to our understanding of how God views us and how we view ourselves

For example, imagine someone told you that I—Jonathan—knew karate, was packing heat, and had a reputation for flying off the handle and hurting people. Even if none of that were true, your perception of me would shape how you acted around me. You might be guarded, nervous, or distant—not because of who I actually am, but because of what you believed about me.

In reality, I'm a nice guy—but belief drives behavior.

Now think about this: how many of our perceptions of God—or even of ourselves—are not based on Scripture, but on someone else's ideas about God that simply aren't true? Maybe it was something we heard growing up, something taught incorrectly, or something we assumed based on experience.

The problem is this: wrong beliefs produce wrong responses.

That's why it matters what we believe about God. Our beliefs affect how we approach Him, how we respond to His Word, and how we live out our faith. If our perception is off, our behavior will be off too.

So we don't adjust God—we adjust our thinking. We let the Word of God correct our perceptions, because our actions and responses flow directly from what we believe.

Hebrews 9:11-12 NKJV

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

- Hebrews 8:5 TPT The priests on earth serve in a temple that is but a copy modeled after the heavenly sanctuary; a shadow of the reality. For when Moses began to construct the tabernacle God warned him and said, "You must precisely follow the pattern I revealed to you on Mount Sinai.

12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption."

Eternal: without beginning and end, that which always has been and always will be; without beginning; without end, never to cease, everlasting

Redemption: a ransoming, redemption; deliverance, esp. from the penalty of sin

When you combine Eternal and Redemption together it leaves the idea that we have been redeemed, our ransom has been paid, the penalty of sin has been settled for all time without signs that it will ever stop. The penalty for our sin has been so completely removed from us that the Bible indicates it no longer resides in the mind of God.

- “For I will demonstrate my mercy to them and will forgive their evil deeds, and never remember again their sins.””

Hebrews 8:12 TPT

- This Mercy was extended through Jesus spilling his own blood on the mercy seat providing atonement for us

Hebrews 9:13-15 NKJV

13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 9:13-15 TPT

13 Under the old covenant the blood of bulls, goats, and the ashes of a heifer were sprinkled on those who were defiled and effectively cleansed them outwardly from their ceremonial impurities. 14 Yet how much more will the sacred blood of the Messiah thoroughly cleanse our consciences!

- The blood of Jesus sets our conscience free from shame and the condemnation of sin. The blood of bulls and goats could not.

For by the power of the eternal Spirit he has offered himself to God as the perfect Sacrifice that now frees us from our dead works to worship and serve the living God.

- We can now serve God with full confidence knowing that our spirits have been made perfect

15 So Jesus is the One who has enacted a new covenant with a new relationship with God so that those who accept the invitation will receive the eternal inheritance

- We see now the writer of Hebrews referencing an eternal inheritance. This is referring too The permanent, unlosable benefits of the New Covenant—full forgiveness, new life, direct access to God, sonship, and eternal life—secured once and for all by the death of Christ.

he has promised to his heirs. For he died to release us from the guilt of the violations committed under the first covenant.”

Now these particular passages are constantly referencing the old covenant way of doing things as compared to the New covenant. In reality the entire book of Hebrews was written so the Jewish believers would find confidence in Jesus and the covenant that was established through his death understanding their distinctions.

Going back to Hebrews 9:12 you can see that the blood of bulls and goats were being compared to Jesus blood.

This is in reference to the day of atonement laid out in Leviticus 16.

Here were some of the requirements for this day that happened yearly...

So God gives very specific instructions for one day a year—the Day of Atonement —when the High Priest could enter the Most Holy Place.

1. Before doing anything for the people, the High Priest:

- Bathes with water
- Wears simple linen garments, not his normal ornate priestly clothes

1. The High Priest then offers:

- A bull as a sin offering for himself and his household

He:

- Slaughters the bull, Takes its blood, Enters the Most Holy Place
- Sprinkles the blood on and in front of the mercy seat on the Ark of the Covenant
  - He also brings incense, so the cloud covers the mercy seat.

3. The two goats for the people

Next, The High Priest takes two goats from the congregation and casts lots:

- One lot: “For the LORD”, One lot: “For the scapegoat”

Goat #1 – The LORD’s goat (sacrifice)

- This goat is killed as a sin offering for the people
- Its blood is taken into the Most Holy Place

- The blood is sprinkled:
- On the mercy seat
- In front of the mercy seat

What this accomplishes:

- Atonement for the sanctuary
- Cleansing of the holy places polluted by Israel's sin
- God's justice is satisfied by blood

Goat #2 – The scapegoat (removal of sin)

This goat is not killed.

The High Priest:

- Lays both hands on its head
  - Confesses all the sins of Israel over it
  - Symbolically transfers the people's sins onto the goat
  - The goat is led into the wilderness
  - Released into an uninhabited place
1. Cleansing the rest of the tabernacle

Blood is also applied to:

- The altar, The tent of meeting
1. Completion and rest

After:

- Changing clothes, Washing again, Burning offerings

The people:

- Do no work, Humble themselves, Observe a Sabbath-like rest

Now notice the commentary and comparison of the sacrifices made throughout the old covenant vs Jesus' single sacrifice at the cross.

Hebrews 10:11-14 NKJV

11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

- Sins were never removed by the blood of bulls and goats. Remember that wages of Sin is death and those animals were symbolically taking their punishment through the shedding of their own blood. Remember when Adam and Eve first sinned... coats of fur were made for them. The first animals were killed as a result to cover up sin.

12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.”

- Perfected forever is Eternal Redemption language.

Now let's take a moment to look at another point...

- Jesus paid for all sins Past/Present/Future

Romans 3:25 NKJV

whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

Romans 3:25 TPT

Jesus' God-given destiny was to be the sacrifice to take away sins, and now he is our mercy seat because of his death on the cross. We come to him for mercy, for God has made a provision for us to be forgiven by faith in the sacred blood of Jesus. This is the perfect demonstration of God's justice, because until now, he had been so patient—holding back his justice out of his tolerance for us. So he covered over the sins of those who lived prior to Jesus' sacrifice.

Romans 3:25 TPT

Hebrews 11:32-40 NKJV

32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. 36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of

chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, 40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Hebrews 11:40 TPT

But now God has invited us to live in something better than what they had—faith's fullness! This is so that they could be brought to finished perfection alongside of us.