

Sacrifices

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Introduction

The Verb

The Greek verb *thuō* means generally “to kill” and specifically “to offer as a sacrifice.” It may refer to a common meal or celebratory feast; it can describe the offerings of idolatry, or the sacrifices of the Mosaic Law.

- Thomas defines *thuō* as “to offer, sacrifice” [2380].
- BDAG say it means “(1) to make a cultic offering, sacrifice (this is the primary meaning and the one most commonly found); (2) to take life, kill, slaughter, in a general sense; (a) humans; (b) animals; (3) to kill ceremonially, slaughter sacrificially (on the close relation between sacrifice and slaughter; (4) celebrate, but perhaps only when an animal is slaughtered in connection with a celebration.”

This word occurs 14x in the NT (Matt. 22:4; Mark 14:12; Luke 15:23, 27, 30; 22:7; John 10:10; Acts 10:13; 11:7; 14:13, 18; 1 Cor. 5:7; 10:20).

*Matthew 22:4 ... 4 “Again he sent out other slaves saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are all ***butchered** and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast.” ’ (NASB95)*

*Mark 14:12 ... 12 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was being ***sacrificed**, His disciples said to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?” (NASB95)*

*Luke 15:23 ... 23 and bring the fattened calf, ***kill** it, and let us eat and celebrate; (NASB95)*

*Luke 15:27 ... 27 “And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has ***killed** the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.’ (NASB95)*

*Luke 15:30 ... 30 but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you ***killed** the fattened calf for him.’ (NASB95)*

*Luke 22:7 ... 7 Then came the first day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be ***sacrificed**. (NASB95)*

*John 10:10 ... 10 “The thief comes only to steal and ***kill** and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (NASB95)*

*Acts 10:13 ... 13 A voice came to him, “Get up, Peter, ***kill** and eat!” (NASB95)*

*Acts 11:7 ... 7 “I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; ***kill** and eat.’ (NASB95)*

*Acts 14:13 ... 13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to ***offer *sacrifice** with the crowds. (NASB95)*

*Acts 14:18 ... 18 Even saying these things, with difficulty they restrained the crowds from ***offering *sacrifice** to them. (NASB95)*

*1 Corinthians 5:7 ... 7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been ***sacrificed**. (NASB95)*

*1 Corinthians 10:20 ... 20 No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles ***sacrifice**, they ***sacrifice** to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. (NASB95)*

The Noun

The Greek noun *thusia* refers to “a sacrifice.” More specifically, it describes the act of offering a sacrifice, or that which is offered in sacrifice.

- Thomas defines *thusia* as from *thuō* [to offer, sacrifice], meaning “a sacrifice” [2378].
- BDAG say it refers to “(1) act of offering, offering figuratively; (2) that which is offered as a sacrifice, sacrifice, offering; (a) literally; (b) figuratively.”

This word occurs 28x in the NT (Matt. 9:13; 12:7; Mark 12:33; Luke 2:24; 13:1; Acts 7:41, 42; Rom. 12:1; 1 Cor. 10:18; Eph. 5:2; Phil. 2:17; 4:18; Heb. 5:1; 7:27; 8:3; 9:9, 23, 26; 10:1, 5, 8, 11, 12, 26; 11:4; 13:15, 16; 1 Pet. 2:5).

*Matthew 9:13 ... 13 “But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire compassion, and not ***sacrifice**,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” (NASB95)*

*Matthew 12:7 ... 7 “But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire compassion, and not a ***sacrifice**,’ you would not have condemned the innocent. (NASB95)*

*Mark 12:33 ... 33 and to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as himself, is much more than all burnt offerings and ***sacrifices**.” (NASB95)*

*Luke 2:24 ... 24 and to offer a ***sacrifice** according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” (NASB95)*

*Luke 13:1 ... 1 Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their ***sacrifices**. (NASB95)*

*Acts 7:41 ... 41 "At that time they made a calf and brought a ***sacrifice** to the idol, and were rejoicing in the works of their hands. (NASB95)*

*Acts 7:42 ... 42 "But God turned away and delivered them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, 'It was not to Me that you offered victims and ***sacrifices** forty years in the wilderness, was it, O house of Israel?' (NASB95)*

*Romans 12:1 ... 1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy ***sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. (NASB95)*

*1 Corinthians 10:18 ... 18 Look at the nation Israel; are not those who eat the ***sacrifices** sharers in the altar? (NASB95)*

*Ephesians 5:2 ... 2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a ***sacrifice** to God as a fragrant aroma. (NASB95)*

*Philippians 2:17 ... 17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the ***sacrifice** and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. (NASB95)*

*Philippians 4:18 ... 18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable ***sacrifice**, well-pleasing to God. (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 5:1 ... 1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and ***sacrifices** for sins; (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 7:27 ... 27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up ***sacrifices**, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 8:3 ... 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and ***sacrifices**; so it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer. (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 9:9 ... 9 which is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and ***sacrifices** are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience, (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 9:23 ... 23 Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better ***sacrifices** than these. (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 9:26 ... 26 Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the ***sacrifice** of Himself. (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 10:1 ... 1 For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same ***sacrifices** which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near. (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 10:5 ... 5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, “***Sacrifice** and offering You have not desired, But a body You have prepared for Me; (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 10:8 ... 8 After saying above, “***Sacrifices** and offerings and whole burnt offerings and ***sacrifices** for sin You have not desired, nor have You taken pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the Law), (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 10:11 ... 11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same ***sacrifices**, which can never take away sins; (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 10:12 ... 12 but He, having offered one ***sacrifice** for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 10:26 ... 26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a ***sacrifice** for sins, (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 11:4 ... 4 By faith Abel offered to God a better ***sacrifice** than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks. (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 13:15 ... 15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a ***sacrifice** of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. (NASB95)*

*Hebrews 13:16 ... 16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such ***sacrifices** God is pleased. (NASB95)*

*1 Peter 2:5 ... 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up ***spiritual** sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (NASB95)*

The Sacrifices of the Law

Under the Mosaic Law, every high priest was appointed to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people, and also for himself (Heb. 5:1-3).

*Hebrews 5:1-3 ... 1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and ***sacrifices** for sins; 2 he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness; 3 and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins, as for the people, so also for himself. (NASB95)*

However, such service was never complete, being physical rather than spiritual, temporal rather than eternal, and – by itself – wholly ineffective (Heb. 9:6-10).

*Hebrews 9:6-10 ... 6 Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the divine worship, 7 but into the second, only the high priest enters once a year, not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance. 8 The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing, 9 which is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and *sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience, 10 since they relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation. (NASB95)*

The Law, being shadow rather than substance, could never, by its endless animal sacrifices, make perfect those who would draw near unto God (Heb. 10:1-4).

*Hebrews 10:1-4 ... 1 For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same *sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near. 2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins? 3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. (NASB95)*

The Sacrifice of Jesus Christ

In contrast with the flawed service of sinful men, Jesus Christ – the Sinless Savior – offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for sin (Heb. 7:26-28).

*Hebrews 7:26-28 ... 26 For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up *sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever. (NASB95)*

Minister of the heavenly sanctuary and true tabernacle (Heb. 8:1-3), Jesus atoned for transgression, one-time-for-all-time, through the sacrifice of Himself (Heb. 9:23-28).

*Hebrews 8:1-3 ... 1 Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man. 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and *sacrifices; so it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer. (NASB95)*

Hebrews 9:23-28 ... 23 Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better

**sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25 nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own. 26 Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the *sacrifice of Himself. 27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, 28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him. (NASB95)*

Compared to external rituals of the Old Testament, the sacrifice of Christ was personal (Heb. 10:5-10).

*Hebrews 10:5-10 ... 5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, “*Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, But a body You have prepared for Me; 6 In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure. 7 “Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come (In the scroll of the book it is written of Me) To do Your will, O God.’ ” 8 After saying above, “*Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have not desired, nor have You taken pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the Law), 9 then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will.” He takes away the first in order to establish the second. 10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (NASB95)*

Through this permanent and perpetually valid sacrifice, we are perfected for all time (Heb. 10:11-14).

*Hebrews 10:11-14 ... 11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same *sacrifices, which can never take away sins; 12 but He, having offered one *sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. 14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. (NASB95)*

The Sacrifices of Saints

God demands the sacrifice of life (Rom. 12:1-2).

*Romans 12:1-2 ... 1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy *sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. (NASB95)*

God demands the sacrifice of love (Eph. 5:1-2; cf. Mark 12:28-34).

*Ephesians 5:1-2 ... 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a *sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. (NASB95)*

*Mark 12:28-34 ... 28 One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; 30 and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 31 "The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 The scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that He is One, and there is no one else besides Him; 33 and to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as himself, is much more than all burnt offerings and *sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions. (NASB95)*

God demands the sacrifice of faith (Phil. 2:14-18).

*Philippians 2:14-18 ... 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing; 15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain. 17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the *sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. 18 You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me. (NASB95)*

God demands the sacrifice of resources (Phil. 4:15-20).

*Philippians 4:15-20 ... 15 You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; 16 for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. 17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. 18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable *sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (NASB95)*

God demands the sacrifice of obedience (Heb. 11:4).

*Hebrews 11:4 ... 4 By faith Abel offered to God a better *sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks. (NASB95)*

God demands the sacrifice of praise (Heb. 13:15).

*Hebrews 13:15 ... 15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a *sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. (NASB95)*

God demands the sacrifice of doing good & sharing (Heb. 13:16).

*Hebrews 13:16 ... 15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. 16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such *sacrifices God is pleased. (NASB95)*

The Sacrifice of Sinners

God rejects the sacrifice of disobedience (Acts 7:35-43; 1 Sam. 15:20-23).

*Acts 7:35-43 ... 35 “This Moses whom they disowned, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’ is the one whom God sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the help of the angel who appeared to him in the thorn bush. 36 “This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. 37 “This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, ‘God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren.’ 38 “This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness together with the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and who was with our fathers; and he received living oracles to pass on to you. 39 “Our fathers were unwilling to be obedient to him, but repudiated him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt, 40 saying to Aaron, ‘Make for us gods who will go before us; for this Moses who led us out of the land of Egypt—we do not know what happened to him.’ 41 “At that time they made a calf and brought a *sacrifice to the idol, and were rejoicing in the works of their hands. 42 “But God turned away and delivered them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, ‘It was not to Me that you offered victims and *sacrifices forty years in the wilderness, was it, O house of Israel? 43 ‘You also took along the tabernacle of Moloch and the star of the god Rompha, the images which you made to worship. I also will remove you beyond Babylon.’ (NASB95)*

1 Samuel 15:20-23 ... 20 Then Saul said to Samuel, “I did obey the voice of the Lord, and went on the mission on which the Lord sent me, and have brought back Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21 “But the people took some of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the choicest of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the Lord your God at Gilgal.” 22 Samuel said, “Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23 “For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has also rejected you from being king.” (NASB95)

God rejects the sacrifice of hypocrisy (Ps. 51:14-17; Isa. 1:10-17).

Psalms 51:14-17 ... 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Your praise. 16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. (NASB95)

Isaiah 1:10-17 ... 10 Hear the word of the Lord, You rulers of Sodom; Give ear to the instruction of our God, You people of Gomorrah. 11 “What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?” Says the Lord. “I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed

cattle; And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats. 12 “When you come to appear before Me, Who requires of you this trampling of My courts? 13 “Bring your worthless offerings no longer, Incense is an abomination to Me. New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies— I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly. 14 “I hate your new moon festivals and your appointed feasts, They have become a burden to Me; I am weary of bearing them. 15 “So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood. 16 “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, 17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Reprove the ruthless, Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow. (NASB95)

God rejects the sacrifice of haughtiness (Hos. 6:4-11; Matt. 9:10-13; 12:1-7).

*Hosea 6:4-11 ... 4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? For your loyalty is like a morning cloud And like the dew which goes away early. 5 Therefore I have hewn them in pieces by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And the judgments on you are like the light that goes forth. 6 **For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.** 7 But like Adam they have transgressed the covenant; There they have dealt treacherously against Me. 8 Gilead is a city of wrongdoers, Tracked with bloody footprints. 9 And as raiders wait for a man, So a band of priests murder on the way to Shechem; Surely they have committed crime. 10 In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing; Ephraim’s harlotry is there, Israel has defiled itself. 11 Also, O Judah, there is a harvest appointed for you, When I restore the fortunes of My people. (NASB95)*

*Matthew 9:10-13 ... 10 Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, “Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?” 12 But when Jesus heard this, He said, “It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. 13 **“But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire compassion, and not *sacrifice,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”** (NASB95)*

*Matthew 12:1-7 ... 1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat. 2 But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.” 3 But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions, 4 how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone? 5 “Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent? 6 “But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here. 7 **“But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire compassion, and not a *sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent.** (NASB95)*

Conclusion

The sacrifice of Jesus requires purity (1 Cor. 5:6-8).

*1 Corinthians 5:6-8 ... 6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? 7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been *sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (NASB95)*

The sacrifice of Jesus requires penitence (Heb. 10:26-31).

*Hebrews 10:26-31 ... 26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a *sacrifice for sins, 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (NASB95)*

The sacrifice of Jesus requires participation (1 Pet. 2:4-10).

*1 Peter 2:4-10 ... 4 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual *sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For this is contained in Scripture: "Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed." 7 This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "The stone which the builders rejected, This became the very corner stone," 8 and, "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (NASB95)*