

## Hebrews 8.3

### The Price of Admission

Our entire relationship with God is founded on an audacious reality; Christ Jesus, the Son of God, died for our sin, and He carries our prayers before the Father so that they are heard. No prayer offered by anyone outside of Christ is heard with favor by God. God will never hear us unless we are first reconciled to Him, but before reconciliation can occur, His wrath must be pacified, He must be appeased. Hence the need for sacrifice, This creates a more significant problem than many of us realize, for no man nor angel has in their hand an acceptable price for the permanent appeasement of God's wrath. There is NOTHING outside the blood of the perfect Lamb of God which can hope to avail us anything. And until the blood carries the prayer, it is not heard. The blood of Jesus is forever applied to our sin, forever applied to our guilt so that our sin is forever atoned for; and so our prayers are heard. This is the true work of the God ordained mediator. Only Jesus Christ has carried the payment and still sits in remembrance at the throne of the majesty on High to intercede on behalf of His own

chosen and precious sheep. No one else has the authority nor favor with God; no one else has the price of forgiveness, nor the right by payment of that price; no one else has anything to do with our being accepted by God... for no one else had anything to do with the work!

## I. GOD SETS THE REQUIREMENT

A. Only the pure may come before God

B. Our sin separated us

*“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.” (Isaiah 59:2, NKJV)*

C. God ordained the payment of blood for sin

1. the price and payment for sin is death. This is the reason for the use and sanctity of blood.

The blood is given for the life of the soul...

*“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.” (Leviticus 17:11, NKJV)*

## II. NONE CAN COME WITHOUT SACRIFICE

A. Entering into the presence of God empty handed was forbidden

*“But the firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem him, then you shall break his neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. “And none shall appear before Me empty-handed.” (Exodus 34:20, NKJV)*

*“Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.” (Psalm 96:8–9, NKJV)*

B. Since the price of admission was blood, and our blood is not acceptable because of sin, God allowed the blood of animal substitutes to temporarily remove the outer offence so that we might worship Him.

C. But since we are unclean and unfit to even offer this sacrifice God established the priesthood.

1. The priesthood existed to facilitate the worship, sacrifices and offerings of the Lord.

2. Their part was to be the "go between" for the people when they approached God.
3. The priesthood was half of the mediatorial relationship between God and Israel. They came from the people to God. The prophet came from God to the people.

D. Since the priesthood exists to offer, they must have something to offer... hence the writer tells us "that it is necessary" that our High Priest have something to offer.

1. the tense here implies that He "offer once and for all"

E. Further, He must offer in the place appointed by God.

*"Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see; but in the place which the Lord chooses, in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you." (Deuteronomy 12:13–14)*

1. Note that Jesus' offering was not the temple of the earth, but the heavenly temple...  
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### III. SALVATION COMES ONLY BY THE DEATH OF JESUS

A. Jesus did exactly what was needed for our salvation

1. It is also crucial to note that Christ did exactly that thing for which He was ordained.
2. He did so in the fullness of God's time, and in the manner and place God appointed.
3. His offering was accepted because of His perfect righteousness and obedience but also because of His perfect conformity to the will and mandate of God.
4. He is not offering "strange fire" -

**Leviticus 10.1-3**

**Leviticus 16.1-2**

B. He entered the holy place made without hands and offered the blood of His own sacrifice at the throne of God.

C. He sprinkled the blood of His sacrifice and in so doing sprinkled that blood also upon all who are His.

*“elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and*

*sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.” (1 Peter 1:2, NKJV)*

- D. He did so in the most authentic and true way possible.
1. He was consecrated for the work done...
  2. The term “consecrate” as a priest, is literally, to fill the hand, implying that an offering is given into the hands of the priest, which it is his duty to present to God. If a man be a priest, he must have some gift in his hands to offer. Therefore, Christ, as a priest, has His blood as His oblation to offer before God.
  3. This stands in stark contrast to the empty hand that God forbids, and with which we tend to live. Empty handed carries the connotation of hypocrisy. It is used to describe the worship and word of the one who does not bring his whole heart into the act of worship. (False and profane applies as well...)

#### **IV. GOD PROVIDED JESUS WHAT WAS NEEDED FOR HIS WORK**

- A. God provided a body

## Psalm 139.13-16

B. He was the Father who sired the flesh of Jesus.  
His mortal frame.

*“And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”*

*(Luke 1:35, NKJV)*

C. Thus the blood required for the sacrifice came from God. Remember that no forgiveness is possible without the death of Jesus. Jesus as a man could not Himself come before the Father as priest for us without the sacrifice... and the only acceptable sacrifice was His blood.

*“Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Hebrews 10:19–22, NKJV)*

## V. GOD COMPLETED OUR SALVATION

- A. No part of the payment was to be ignored nor passed over
- B. God did not make the way lighter for Jesus, in fact if anything, He made it heavier, for Jesus alone carried the sin of all His people upon Himself to make payment.
- C. He fulfilled the law, completely obeying God, and bore the full measure of punishment required.
- D. Jesus paid the debt for the wrath of God. He consumed and completely depleted our portion of Hell. There remains NO WRATH for anyone found in Jesus. For the price has been completely paid.

**Hebrews 9:16–22**

- E. But with the shedding of blood there IS remission of sin...

**V. GOD NOW PROVIDES ALL THAT IS NEEDED FOR US TO BE SAVED.**

- A. He demands no price from our hand, now or after our death.



B. The work of salvation is God's work.

*“looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.” (Titus 2:13–14, NKJV)*

C. He Himself came in the second person of the Trinity to pay the price required.

1. He needs no help
2. He needs no other intercessor nor mediator
3. He provided the payment,
4. He offered the payment
5. He accepted the payment made
6. He intercedes with that payment on our behalf and provides entrance into His own presence .

D. He undertakes to accomplish the work of sanctification for us through His Spirit.

### **1Corinthians 1.26-31**

E. His sacrifice is completed and has been offered up once for all. There remains nothing more of this sacrifice for Him to perform. There is no longer any need for further sacrifice EVER.

*“But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:12–14)*