

striving of mental science will do it. Only God can provide a method and God has provided a method. What were the words we read from Revelation ? There we had a picture of the redeemed in Heaven before the throne of God. Someone said "These are they that have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb". Here then is the way to secure the garment that admits one to the presence of God, to be washed in the blood of the Lamb.

In the earliest times people realised this great truth that man was not fit to come before God. God himself shows ^{ed} them a way. In the Old Testament we read that God taught the Israelites to bring sacrifices as atonement for their sin. They must be animals without spot or blemish. Life for life, blood for blood they were presented to make atonement for the sinners. On the day of atonement each year a lamb without blemish or spot was offered for the sins of the people. This was clearly only a symbol. A mere animal could not provide a means of cleansing from sin. It was a type of the cleansing that God Himself would provide. Through the ages the lambs were offered. But thinking people wondered just what the real significance of this sacrifice was. Unthinking people cast too much stress ^{upon} ~~to~~ the mere material animal that was offered. Even as unthinking people today lay inordinate stress upon the externals of worship, of of the sacraments or of material things, rather than upon the real