

consider how dear the lives of their children were to them, dearer by far than their own, we cannot but feel some measure of admiration for the devotion that would impel them to such an act.

Among the Israelites blood sacrifice was conducted under the direction of the revealed Will of God. Human sacrifices were not required, but animals, without spot or blemish, were brought. Life for life, and blood for blood, they were presented to make atonement for the sinners. But with all that was done, there was a constant and growing feeling of insufficiency. The lamb was brought on the Day of the Passover, as prescribed in the law, and offered for the sins of the nation. But it was clearly a symbol. God alone could provide the true sacrifice.

"Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain
 Could give the guilty conscience peace, Or wash away the stain;
 But Christ the heavenly Lamb, Takes all our sins away,
 A sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they."

How could man be redeemed from his sin? Not by silver or gold. Not by the blood of beasts. But by *the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

I wonder how many of us realize the preciousness of the blood of Christ. The first consideration to this is of course the fact of the person of Christ. He was the Eternal God, incarnate. How far His Person transcends those of all merely human beings. Well might the medieval theologians aver that one drop of the