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# RE- FLECTING GOD

**12/18/15 - A Cleansing Sacrifice**

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Hebrews 9:1-14

My paternal grandmother tended to avoid anything to do with the church. "You Christians always talk about blood, and I find that offensive," she would say. I always felt sad that she never came to faith. The unredeemed person cannot understand it when we sing about Jesus' precious blood. "In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22).

God gave strict specifications for the tabernacle built under Moses, detailing its size, materials, and contents. It was the dwelling place of God, a holy habitation, and the children of Israel held it in great reverence. Only the priest could enter the Most Holy Place and then only once a year, after he had made sacrifice for his own sins. It is hard to imagine how many animals were sacrificed for the sins of the people. Yet, "they were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper" (Hebrews 9:9). It took the sinless Lamb of God to do that!

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