

BEHOLD! The Lamb of God! Revelation 14:1

1st and greatest commandment: Matthew 22:36-38 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment.”

A W Tozer: “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” *The Knowledge of the Holy* – A.W. Tozer ❖ We must _____ about God.

Charles Spurgeon: “The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of the child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings, and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father.” *Quoted by J.I.Packer – Knowing God*

❖ To know the Lord for Who He is - is the _____

❖ Knowing our God as He should be known is impossible without _____ the Lamb of God. **Matthew 11:27**

❖ The most important thing about us is how we _____ the Lamb of God has done for us.

❖ The _____, the loftiest honor, the mightiest worship which can ever be delivered from the heart of a child of God must go to _____

ABOUT SHEEP:

1 - Sheep are grouped in the category of _____ **Leviticus 11:3**

- _____, don't compete with humans for food
- valued for their milk and their meat, as well as their wool
- reared in huge numbers

2 - Sheep are _____

- require great deal of care at all times
- don't know how to find green pastures
- have to be led to the right place for food and water
- must be watched and guarded so that they don't wander off and get lost (must be rescued)
- must be protected from predators, having no defenses of their own (they run away)

3 - Sheep generally _____ the shepherd when he calls them. **John 10:3-4**

ABOUT SACRIFICING SHEEP:

1 – the animals God _____ to provide clothing for Adam and Eve could have been sheep. **Gen. 3:21**

2 – God provided a ram – a male sheep – as a _____ for Abraham's son Isaac. **Gen. 22:12-14**

3 – in Egypt, the event occurred that is remembered and celebrated every year at Passover: The death of the lamb was a substitute for the death of the firstborn, _____ because this was a judgment for Israel's sins against God. **Joshua 24:14**

4 – Leviticus explains the sacrificial system that God put into place to provide ceremonial cleansing from sin, and how people could enter the _____ of Holy God. **HOWEVER: Hebrews 10:4** For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Hebrews 10:5 So when he came into the world, he said, "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me.

Hebrews 10:10 By his will we have been made holy through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

- Sin against our Holy God – any sin – one sin – _____
- _____ an animal – the death of a lamb – as a substitute for a person's death.
- This was a _____ solution to a problem – because the death of an animal could not take away – could not cleanse – a person from their sins.

The teaching from God that set the stage for _____ to be a _____ for all people: **THE FIRST GOSPEL** *Isaiah 53:5-7*

Jesus is the _____ – spotless, sinless – the only one who could _____ of a person who sinned, and satisfy the wrath of God against sin.

The very first time that John the disciple _____ he heard: **Behold! the Lamb of God! John 1:29; 1:34-37** This phrase, the Lamb of God, is only used by John. Luke quotes Isaiah in **Acts 8:31-32**, **1 Peter 1:19** John uses the title "LAMB" for Jesus _____ in Revelation, from chapter 5 when we see Him in the throne room, all the way through to the last chapter.

- It is the Lamb who was slain – for our sins – who had the _____ to open the scroll

- It is the Lamb who was slain – for our sins – who is _____:

Revelation 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

- It is the Lamb who was slain who has the authority _____ and carry out His wrath: **Revelation 6:16** And they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb

- It is the Lamb who was slain for our sins that _____ to those who humble themselves before Him

Revelation 7:9-10 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

- It is the Lamb of God who was slain for our sins who becomes _____

Revelation 7:17 "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- It is the Lamb of God who was slain for our sins who makes us _____

Revelation 12:11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

The beast – _____ – **for himself.**

The Lamb – _____ – **for people.**