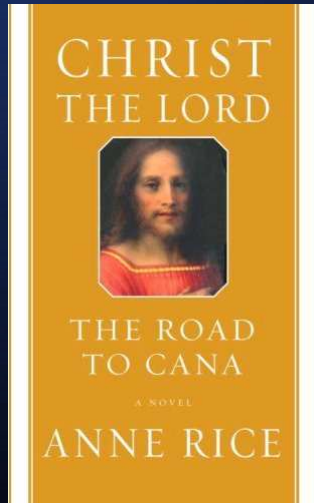




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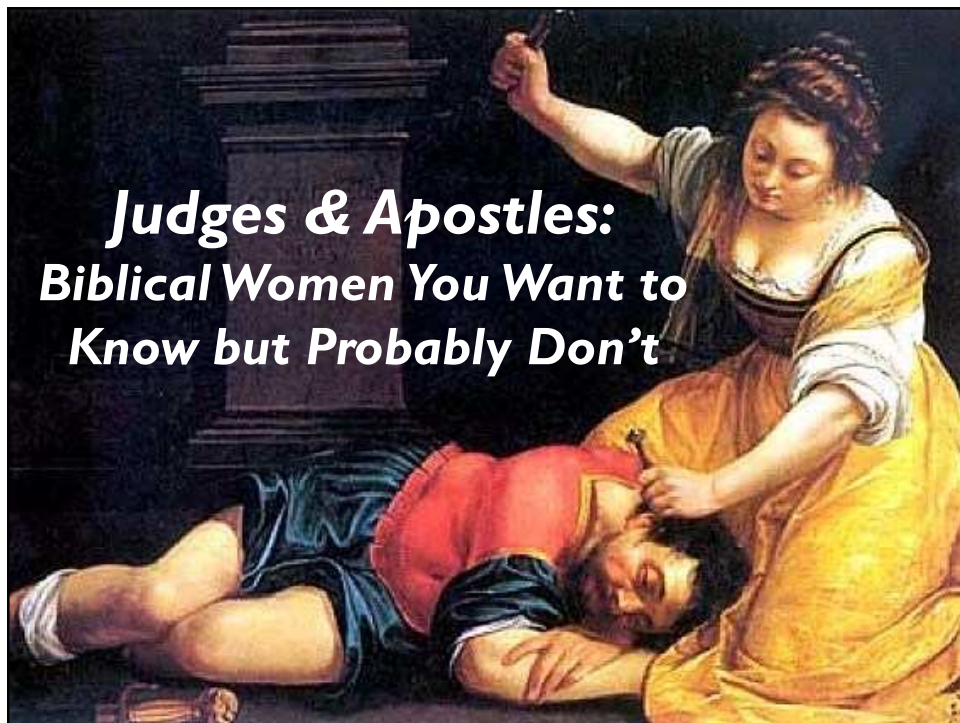
The Care Connection

**A simple way to help ensure
that we are living out the holy
habit of caring**



***Something Else
Book Club***

***End of May
Time and Place
TBD***



***Judges & Apostles:
Biblical Women You Want to
Know but Probably Don't***

Total collected in 2008: \$20,628

Total given away: \$28,286

Largest donations (16 total)

St. Andrew Benevolence: \$6,750

God's Kingdom Ministries (India): \$4,500

Children's relief: \$2,874 (Red Cross & Salv. Army)

UMCOR Flood Buckets: \$2,750

God's Food Pantry: \$2,500

Christ's Foundry Church: \$2,000

MISSIONS OFFERING

Next week:



(1) "How do you know when or if you've been forgiven for something you've done wrong?"

(2) "Why did blood have to be shed to forgive our sins?"

“In the OT, sacrifices of animals or even first-born son are seen as a means to appeal to God for forgiveness. In the New Testament, God is a forgiving God, much different from the God of the Old Testament. And yet, Jesus died on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice. Why was this sacrifice necessary? Who was this sacrifice appeasing? The God of the NT is a forgiving God and yet a sacrifice was necessary as being the ultimate sacrifice of salvation. For who? How does God recognize the need of a sacrifice in the NT with forgiveness and benevolence that is discussed and emphasize in the NT?”



“Blood, Sacrifice, and Jesus”

The Sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22
v.12



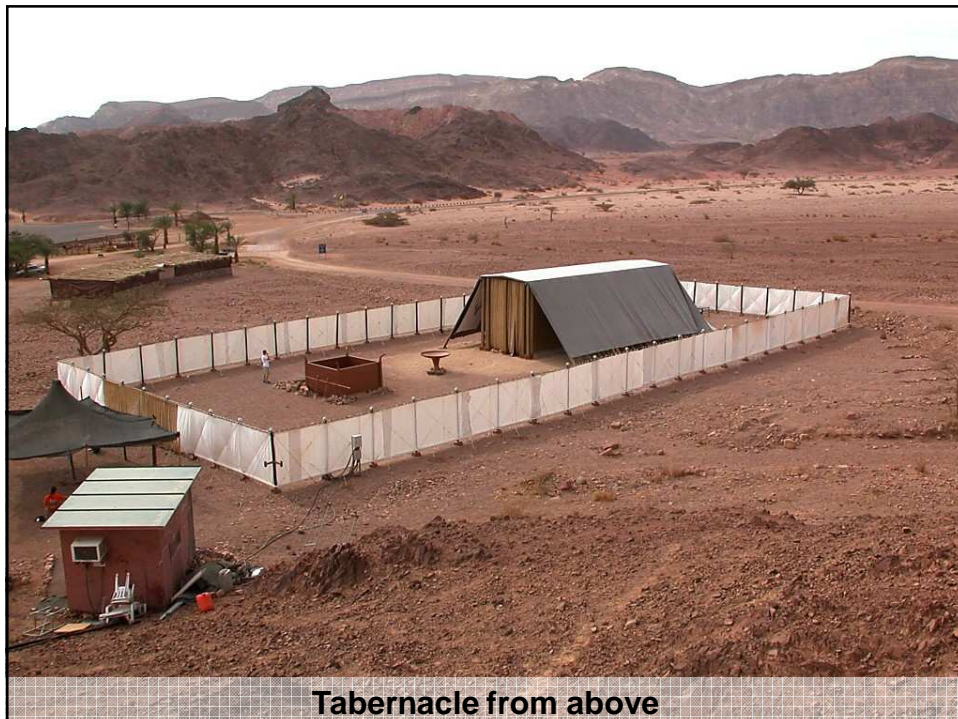
Sacrifice

- **Almost universal in the ancient world**
- **For the Hebrews, sacrifices were**
 - **Gifts to honor God**
 - **Symbolized all that they owed God. Because of sin, they owed God for their lives. The sacrifice stood in their place.**

Sacrifice – Where and Who?

- **Where?**
 - In the tabernacle and, later, the temple
- **Who?**
 - The job of the priests, the tribe of Levi

The temple and the priests are the center of Hebrew/Israelite/Jewish worship



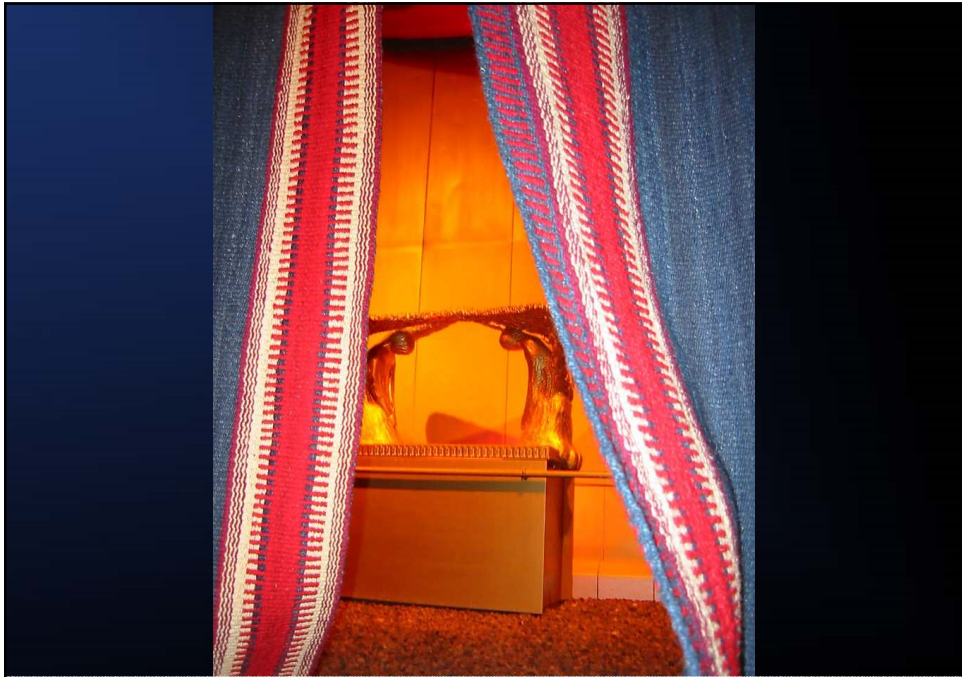
Tabernacle from above



Tabernacle holy place



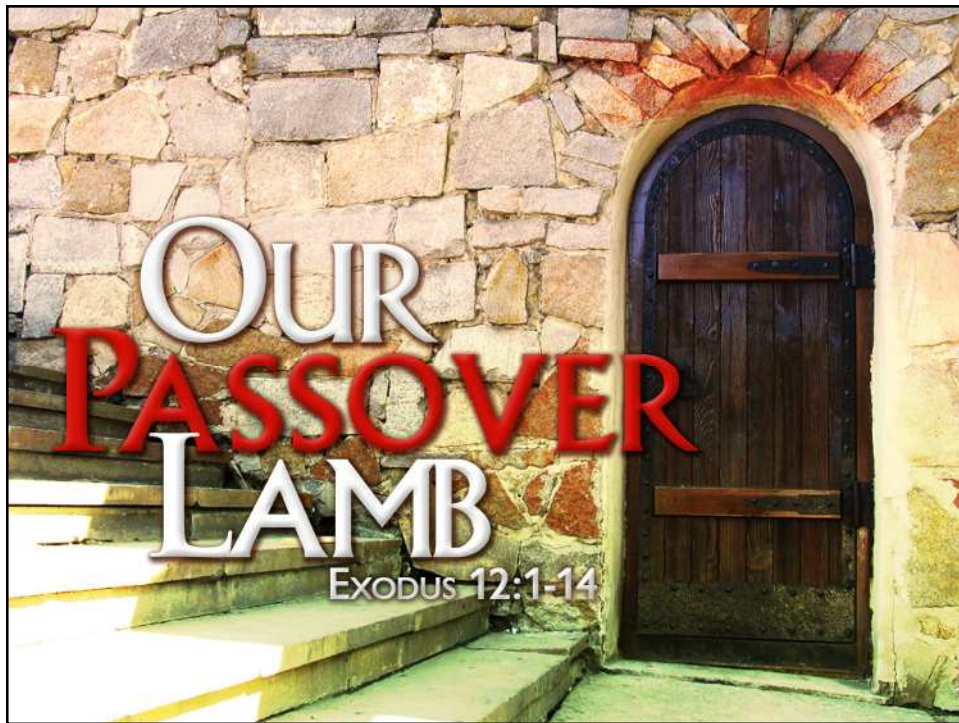
Tabernacle high priest

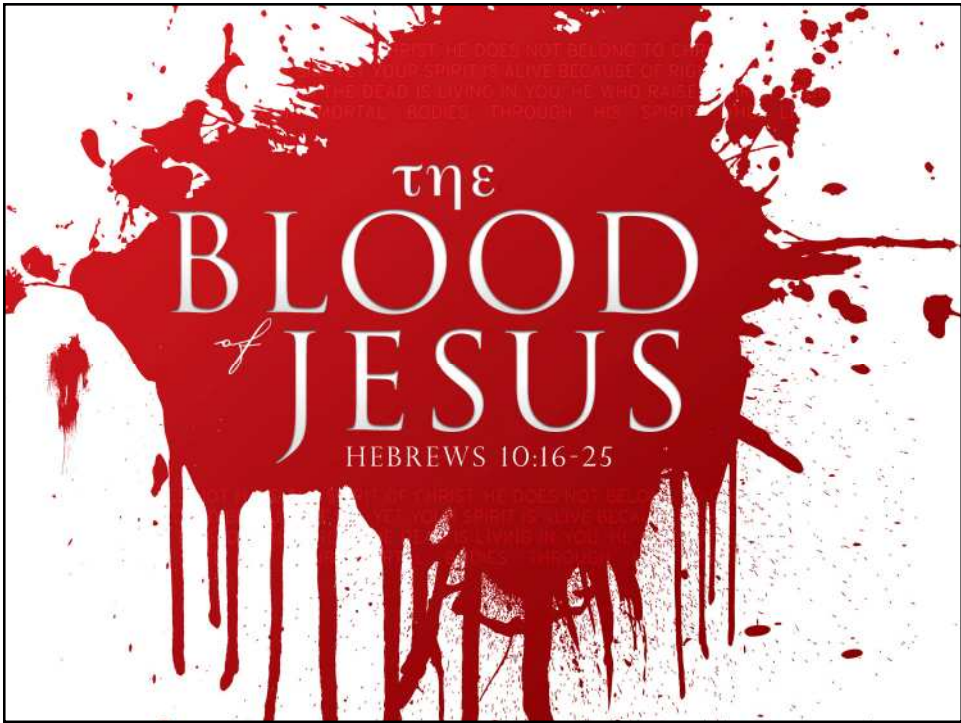
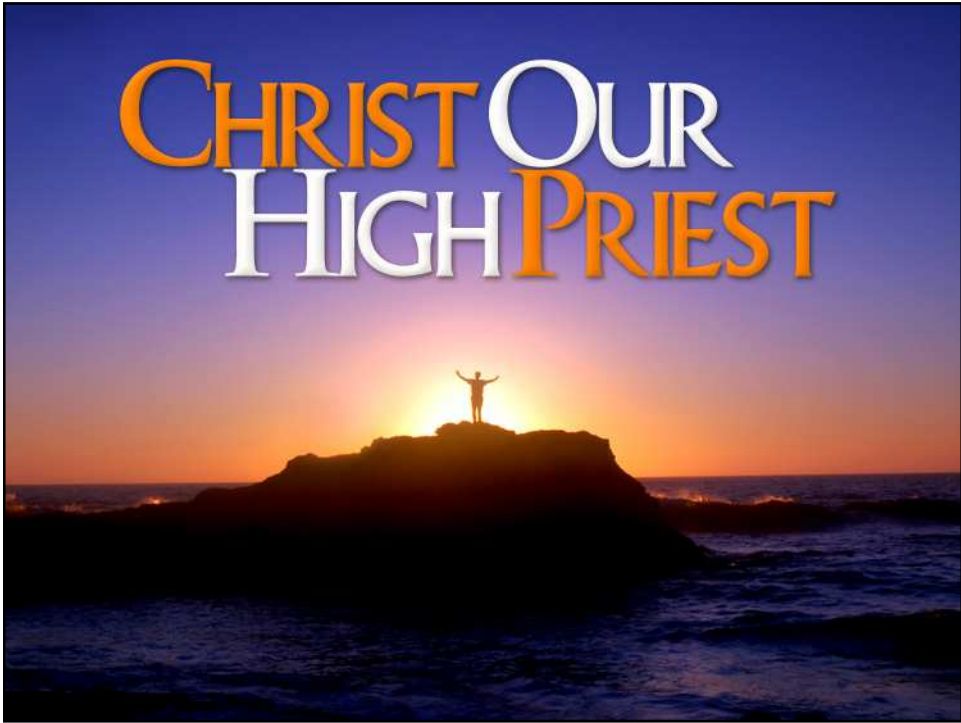


Tabernacle Holy of Holies behind the veil



Ark of the Covenant





Hebrews 9:11-12 (NRSV)

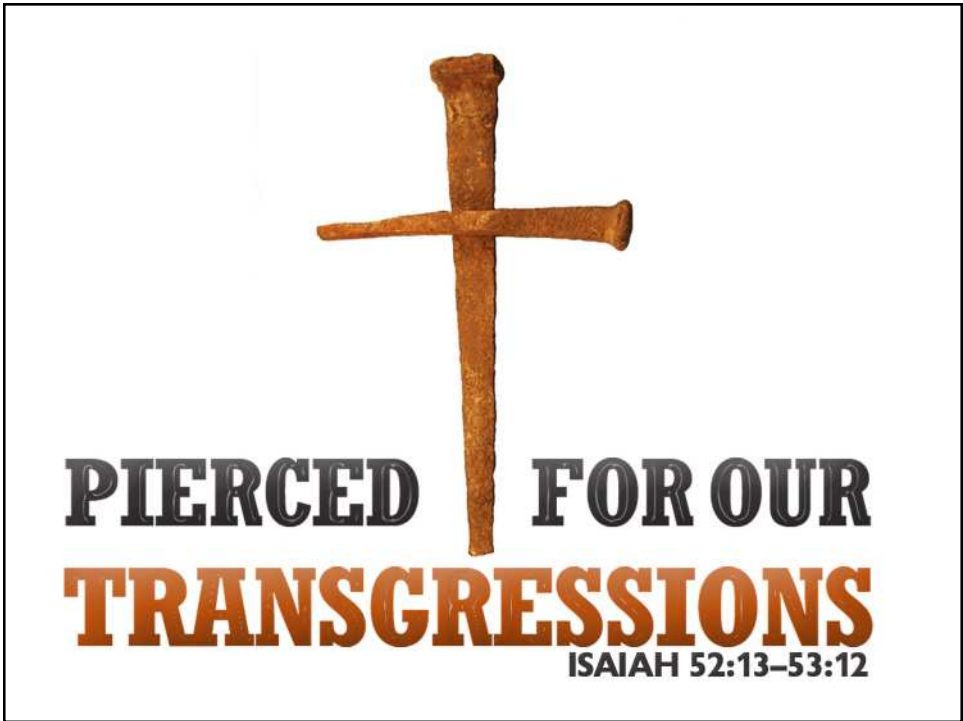
But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Hebrews 8:5 (NRSV)

They offer worship in a sanctuary that is a sketch and shadow of the heavenly one; for Moses, when he was about to erect the tent, was warned, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.”

Hebrews 10:1 (NRSV)

Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered year after year, make perfect those who approach.



Next week Monty Moore will be here:  **Questions**
for God

“What is your plan (salvation) for non-Christians? Will Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists enter heaven (as we know it)?”

Prayer



*Joys and
Concerns*