

Question 14

“Can any mere creature make satisfaction for us?”

[1] Heb. 2:14-18. Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

[2] Ps. 130:3. If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

Personal Insight

Will our own earthly sacrifices, even of creatures, be sufficient? If yes, why? If no, why not?

Answer

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“None; for first, God will not punish any other creature for the sin which man committed;[1] and further, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God’s eternal wrath against sin[2] and redeem others from it.

Personal Insight

List creatures that appear in the Bible as sacrifices to please God.

Worldly Application

Do we still sacrifice to get out of a perceived trouble? List a practical example.
