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**Judul** : Pel 11. Drawing Near to God through Christ

**Bahan Alkitab**: Hebrew 9:1-15; 10:1-25; 13:15-16

**Ringkasan Bahan SM:**

Points of Learning:

I.

Cognitive: In God's mercy He allowed sinful people to bring sacrifices by a high priest in order to be accepted by God.

Affective: Children realised that our sins separate us from God.

Psychomotor: Children turn away from sins and sincerely turn to God.

II.

Cognitive: Jesus our Savior is the perfect High Priest and the perfect sacrifice who can redeem us from the penalty of sin.

Affective: Children realised that animal sacrifice and imperfect priest never good enough to mediate for us.

Psychomotor: Through Jesus, we offer our praise & worship as sacrifice that is pleasing to God.

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**Introduction:** Overview previous lessons on High Priests, Sacrifices, and Festivals.

Why did the Israelites bring sacrifices in tabernacle worship? Because God is perfect and holy. They couldn't come to worship God because they are sinful. Sin separated them from God. (Isa 59: 2) And the penalty for sin is death. (Rom 6:23)

I.

In God's design for worship for his people, priests offered sacrifices **continually** morning and evening, day after day, year after year to **atone** for the sins of the people. (Exod 29:38-42)

The sacrifice showed that they deserved to die but that God **mercifully allowed a substitute**, an animal, to be sacrificed instead.

And by faith, Israel brought their offerings because they believed God's Word: Their sins had to be covered, **they had to be made acceptable to God** so they could draw near and their worship would be acceptable.

A priest who enters the tabernacle without cleansing himself or obeying God's way will not be accepted by God. Exp. Nadab & Abihu. Thus, priest who minister must offer up sacrifice for himself and his own sins first, and then for the sins of the people. This teaches us that sinners cannot at any time / in an improper way draw near to God.

We must realize that every time we sin, we farther away from God. May this remind us that our sins accumulate our debt to God and accumulate God's wrath against us. As God's children, we must leave our sinful life and turn to God.

II.

The repeating sacrifices in OT showed that the death of an animal could not pay the penalty of our sin. And a priest who is sinful like everyone, could never be good enough to get to God and mediate for us. (Heb 10:1-4)

God showed His mercy and grace by sending Jesus Christ to sacrifice his perfect life and pay the debt we owed.

Jesus is the perfect High Priest who can mediate us with God. He is also the perfect sacrifice that satisfying God's divine justice. Thus, through Him we are forgiven and made right with God. Through faith in Him, we can draw near to God. (Heb 10:10-14)

Exp: Joseph who forgives his brothers instead of punishing them, said ..."am I in the place of God?" Moreover, God's forgiveness for us who must be put to death.

Heb 9:11-15 Why Christ is the High Priest? He is sinless & thus qualified to mediate for us.

Heb 10:1-15 Why Christ is the Once for all sacrifice? The sacrificial work of Christ guarantees the final forgiveness of His people and attains eternal perfection.

Heb 13:15-16 Can we still bring sacrifices to God? Yes, through Christ we have the privilege of offering our praise, worship and spiritual sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.

#### Questions to ponder:

1. What God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai after they came out of Egypt? (Rules & Commandments)
2. What is the meaning of Tabernacle? (dwelling place)
3. Why did the Israelites offer sacrifices to God in tabernacle worship? (God is holy and they are sinners. The sacrifice is a symbol of atonement for their sins in order to be accepted to draw near to God.)
4. Can the sacrificial animal pay the penalty for sin? (No. That's why the Israelites offer those sacrifices continually).
5. Can a priest enter and leave the tabernacle without proper preparation? (No. They need to be consecrated/purified first.)
6. What is the solution of the repeated offering of sacrifices by imperfect priests so that God's people can draw near to God? (Jesus Christ as the perfect High Priest and also perfect sacrifice who will pay the debt of our sins Once and for all.)
7. What sacrifices can Christians bring to God today? (Through faith in Christ we can give praise & worship which will be accepted and pleasing to God)

**Ayat Hafalan:** [1Pe 3:18](#) For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.