**He Will Draw All Men**

Based on [John 12:20-43](https://biblia.com/books/esv/Jn12.20-43)

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Jesus said about his crucifixion, “And I, when I am lifted up, will draw all men to myself”.

Would it were that all men would be drawn to him for mercy and grace and forgiveness. That is what all men need. From the beginning, sin entered into the world and all men are guilty. The satanic serpent seduced Eve to persuade Adam to eat the fruit that brought sin and death to our race.

For thousands of years, mankind has known that it owes a debt to divinity. **For thousands of years**,--*prior to the sophomoric and anodyne ignorance of the modern age,* ***and*** *prior to the initial spread of the Christian religion. Since the exile from the garde; from the days of Noah, and Abraham; according to biblical history* ***and*** *what we know from man-made annal*s--**virtually all other cultures believed in the necessity of sacrifice to please the gods.** We know that ancient cultures turned to worshipping the creature rather than the Creator who is blessed forever. We know that they fashioned their images out of wood, stone and metal. We know that what pagans sacrificed they offered to demons and not to God (1 Cor 10:20), (*and we know todays pagans sacrifice unborn babies on the altar of convenience, and cut the one flesh union of marriage on the altar of personal happiness*…*abstract idols forged out of false promises.*)

Even in the North American continent--far removed from the development of biblical history as we know it--ancient civilizations (peoples who did not know the true God) still *worshipped*. They still offered sacrifices of innocent blood to please the demons, who were their gods. **Chichen Itza is an ancient Mayan city and pyramid where such human sacrifices were offered. The pyramid has visible external stairway to the top.** At the foot of the stairway, at the foot of each rail is a snake’s head with open mouth, set to devour. During the winter solstice, even today, the light and shadow gives the effect of a slithering body trailing up the pyramid from the snake’s head. The ancient monument contains wall art of human sacrifices, decapitation with blood gushing out of the neck in the shape of a serpent.

We know ***the*** ancient serpent, the devil, has tempted and tormented the human race throughout our history. He is the accuser and very successful at manipulating our fears and desires. **He** uses the guilt of transgression that is written upon the hearts of all men. **He** reminds us that sin incurs a debt that can only be paid through innocent blood and death. **He** uses these natural resources, (found in the hearts of all men), to incite fear in those who dwell in the darkness of sin. And, *through twisting this knowledge to ungodly purposes*, he incites the nations appeal to unclean spirits for help, ***and to do this through human, virgin, even child sacrifice of innocent blood***. And we know from the scriptures themselves, that the Canannites and others sacrificed children to appease the demon Moloch.

In order to stem this tide of perverted sacrifice to demons, and to straighten the devils twisting of the truth, God once instituted for his people Laws for the slaughter of bulls and goats on the altar in a very precise and meaningful way. It seems barbaric to the “pseudo-enlightened” people of the modern age. But animal sacrifice was the way that God would set the dilemma straight, by affirming the need for sacrifice and atonement while condemning the attempt to appease the serpent through it.

All the same, it remained true that all the blood of beasts could not fully atone for the sin of man. All their burnt offerings or sin offerings—though instituted and approved by God--could not truly repay the debt and reconcile man to God. They made an atonement of sorts, only through the foreshadowing of a sacrifice that was to come, and yet that was made before the foundation of the world. The sacrifice was foreshadowed, but not revealed. That sacrifice was anticipated, but not yet lifted up. And so, prior to this day, the ancient serpent, the ruler of this world could still accuse.

In the book of Numbers, the Israelites grumble against God, who sends to them fiery serpents to bite them so that many people died. ***The wages of sin is death.*** The people confessed their sin, pleaded to Moses, to ask God to deliver them from the serpents’ curse. God instructed Moses to “lift up” on a pole a bronze serpent. And whoever was bit and had the serpents venom in their veins, could looks upon the bronze serpent…lifted up on the pole…and be saved.

He who knew know sin, became sin so that we might become the righteousness of God. Lifted up on the cross he would crush the serpent’s head, while the serpent crushed his heel. Jesus would die for the sins of the world, and lifted up is the evidence that the ransom has been paid, the debt remitted. With Jesus lifted up, the accusations of the devil are of no force and effect to those who believe. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Now, *all men* have an answer to the problem that has plagued humanity since the first sin, *all men* can give up their abominable sacrifices to demons whether of primitive or modern appearance, *all men* can renounce the cares of the world and find assurance of their heavenly home, *all men* can shut the mouth of the devil with a word, and *all men* have access to the throne of Grace. *All men* who look to Jesus Christ who is lifted up on the cross.

Jesus said of this hour, “**Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself**.” He was not speaking of his ascension to heaven wherein he fills and rules all things in his body, but said these things to show by what kind of death he was going to die for the life of the world.