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- NUM. 19:2 "Speak unto the children of Israel that they bring thee a red heifer without spot or blemish, and upon which never came yoke."
- Jer. 2:13 "My people have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters."
- Job 42:6 "Wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes."
- Ezek. 36:25 "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean."
- John 7:38 "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."
- Heb. 9:13 "If the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh--"
- 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the Living God."

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Ashes and Living water sprinkled on the unclean sufficed to the cleansing of the flesh of sin. No condition would cause the people to stand before the Lord more than the sprinkling of ashes. It is just the same under the Gospel. There are all kinds of ideas as to what the fire of God would cause us to do. The general idea is that when fire comes down on the people they will jump three feet, sing like an angel, etc. But before you get to the point of doing things out of the ordinary, you must first get the fire and be reduced to ashes. Here is where the secret lies. When you and I have submitted to God and laid ourselves on the divine altar and allowed the fire of God to consume us and reduce us to ashes, then God, by the Spirit pours out those rivers of living water -- the Holy Ghost, the standard for the Woman, the Church.

Lev. 16 The Great Day of Atonement. Aaron's offering for himself. The Day of Atonement was the greatest day in Israel. It was greater than Passover and Pentecost. A time when God brings to a climax all He had sworn to do. God had to begin first with the Priesthood. The Priest had to take a bullock and slay it and sprinkle its blood on the Mercy Seat and make an atonement for himself and his household. In God's sight that bullock took the place of Aaron .. it was Aaron. He, alone, was permitted once a year to enter into the Sanctuary and Holy place.

The red heifer went through a certain process. They looked every day and week and month to find a heifer suitable for that occasion. They killed it and sprinkled its blood and took a cedar stick and scarlet cord and a bunch of hyssop and placed it all on the heifer. These same things were used in the offering of the two birds. Hyssop is the most bitter herb known to man. When Israel was ordained to eating of the lamb on Passover day, just as they tasted it they were required to reach over to a little vessel on the table and take a pinch of this herb and eat it with that lamb. Israel never dared to partake of the Passover without that bitter herb, even to this day. You will find the hyssop of bitterness all through the dealings of God with man.

When Israel came to the waters of Marah (bitter) after three days, they drank of it and found it to be the most bitter thing they had ever tasted. In all this there is a divine principle. That is always the symbol of the suffering of Christ. Wherever it is used it has the same significance. It makes the people partakers with Christ in His sufferings. First the sufferings and afterwards the Glory. So many people find fault with this part of God's program. If you want a Salvation without suffering you will have to go somewhere else to find it. It is your privilege and mine, to partake of His sufferings. That suffering finds its most accentuated experience in the dying of your old nature. You are not living for yourself. You are living for someone else. Christ did not die and suffer for Himself. He suffered for the world. That Spirit, transmitted to the Church by the power of God's Spirit, alone can make you a partaker in the Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. There never yet was a ministry powerful enough to work the ministry of Christ, that was not built first of all on the foundation of suffering.

Aaron, in offering that bullock, offered himself. He was the first one to die on the Day of Atonement. We try to hold down our human nature and the more we try to do so, the more those desires come. The trouble with the world today is that it is dominated from the human side of it. We waste our time and energy by holding ourselves down. Aaron offered the bullock for himself. You and I can wrestle with ourselves until we die and we will never get anywhere. While you are holding that nature of yours, the Treasure House of God goes untouched. While we have to wrestle with our human nature and hold it, we never can step over. What is

the secret and the remedy? God answered this way, "Aaron offered the bullock."

Rom. 7 and 8. Paul said, "When I would do good, evil is there." But evil is never present with a dead man. Only he that is dead is free from sin. If God would only help us to touch this thing and only reveal that marvelous state and condition where, instead of holding our bullock, we would offer him on the altar of the Lord. With that bullock offered there is nothing to interfere with you and with me pressing our way into the Treasure House. It is an individual matter. Are you and am I willing to put ourselves before the Lord that we may touch the Church standard....the consumed sacrifice of yourself to the Lord? It is coming and it is still future. The first thing that happens on that great Day of Atonement is the offering of your bullock.

The outlook for the flesh is always a painful one. On one likes to die or even to think of dying. But flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of Heaven is within you. The flesh and blood part of you has no manifestation whatever in the Kingdom of God. As that nature is put on one side and the spirit of your nature agrees with the Lord, He can accomplish the result in you. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is one thing in which you must become a partaker. You will not find yourself in that Company that goes into the marriage of the Lamb without the garment put on you by the Holy Spirit.

We are now in the end of all things and God is calling for a standard that has never been manifested since the day of Pentecost; that is, in the Church as a whole. Christ is going to be married to the Church before the end of the present age. It is the separation between the ready and unready ones; the marriage of the Lamb. The unready ones will be left to go into the agonies of the Tribulation for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years.

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