

Propitiation

1 John 2:1-10

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Most unbelievers around the world _____ hold the position that a god who is _____ must be appeased before any blessing can be _____ from him. All the heathen religions seek to change the _____ of their god toward man so that they may receive kindnesses and _____ from him. It is only in the Word of God that we see the _____ character of God; a God of _____, mercy, and grace, who even though He must punish sinners because He is a _____ God, looks for a way He can be both the _____ and the justifier.

A. The Heathen _____ of God – 1 Kings 18

1. Their god had to be placated so they could gain some _____.
 - a. Go through religious, _____ motions
 - b. _____ themselves to show their sincerity
2. They were seeking to change the _____ of their god.
 - a. From animosity and _____
 - b. To _____ and mercy
3. Elijah's exposure of the false prophets' _____ efforts
 - a. The wrath of God toward sin cannot be _____ with human effort.
 - b. 20 different words for _____ are used in the Old Testament.
 - c. The wrath of God can only be satisfied _____.
 - d. In simple _____, Elijah offered up a lamb to God, and God heard.

B. The Biblical Understanding of Propitiation

1. It does not suggest that God _____ to be changed.
 - a. He is absolutely _____.
 - b. He is the same yesterday, _____, and forever. (Heb. 13:8)
2. God did not _____ to love sinners after Christ's death.
 - a. God is love, and He loved us from the _____.
 - b. Romans 5:8
 - c. Christ's death _____ God's love toward sinners.
3. Propitiation is seen in Leviticus 16
 - a. A holy God is unapproachable because of the _____ of man.
 - b. Moses and Aaron could only come into the _____ of God through the _____ of sacrifice, and then only when they followed a prescribed _____.
 - c. It is the blood that does the _____ of propitiation.
4. Propitiation is seen in the New Testament
 - a. Hebrews 9:28
 - b. 1 Peter 2:24
 - c. Jesus offered Himself to God as the _____ for sin. Hebrews 9:13-14
 - d. That which propitiated was Christ's _____.
 - e. The _____ seat was the place where the blood was sprinkled in the Old Testament; the _____ of Christ on the cross in the New Testament (1 Peter 2:24)