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The Names of Love - Part 21 - Lamb, Lamb of God

John 1:29 – “John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!”

The Name of God in this passage is ARNION, AMNOS TOU THEOU; The Lamb, Lamb of God.

The term “Lamb of God” made specific reference to a lamb that was set aside for sacrifice. When John the Baptist made this statement, it must have been shocking to the people there because John was saying that Jesus was The Lamb of God Who would have to be sacrificed for the sins of the world. And that is exactly what Jesus voluntarily did. He gave His life for us so that we could have life in Him.

Isa. 53:7 – “He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.”

To the Jews, the lamb represented innocence and gentleness. The sacrifice had to represent purity and when the lamb was offered, it had to be without any physical blemishes. This lamb was taken in and loved by the family, and yet it had to be sacrificed to cover their own sins. With that in mind, we read Rom. 8:31- “If God is for us, who can be against us? He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also along with Him, graciously give us all things?” And again in 1 Pt. 1:18-21 – “For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, and so your faith and hope are in God.”

Dear Lamb of God, my Lamb slain for me. I can't comprehend this much love. It is too much for me to wrap my head around. I don't deserve this, but I thank You with all of my heart. You are so good to me. Thank You for giving and for Your unselfish love. In Jesus Name, Amen