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Lamb of God

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There's a song that keeps running through my mind. Each time I sing it, either in my head or in worship with others, it warms my soul. The song, written by Twila Paris, goes like this...

Your only Son no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Lambs have a gentle, yielding nature, even in frightening situations. A sheep does not protest when about to be sheared. So, God used the image of a lamb to give a prophetic picture of things to come. Consider this:

Abraham was commanded to offer Isaac, but God stayed his hand. A male sheep, caught in a thicket, took Isaac's place as Abraham's offering to God (Genesis 22:1-13). Abraham's willingness to offer his "only son" was a prophetic picture.

Isaiah prophesied about Jesus saying, "He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before his shearers is silent, so He opened not his mouth" (53:7). Nearly seven hundred years later, John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

Jesus was innocent, "as a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1Pet. 1:19). He did not protest. He was yielding. He became the sacrificial Lamb of God for you and me, so we could then become His little lambs.

Now you know why it warms my soul to sing the song "Lamb of God."

I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to become a lamb of God.

Today's Verse: *Isaac said, "where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, 'My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering'"* Genesis 22:7-8.

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