

Evil must be Judged.

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Joshua was commissioned by the Lord to cross the River Jordan and conquer the land of Canaan. This was to be **an act of God's judgement** upon the Canaanites who were contaminated with multiple sexual diseases and worshipped idols: As an act of worship, **they demonically sacrificed babies** by placing them into the red-hot arms of their idol, Baal. **Such evil must be judged by a righteous God.**

Similarly, **our sin demands the judgement of a righteous God.** God's judgement for our sin was poured out upon His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus, when He died on the Cross. Although we rejoice to think of His death for us as an act of His supreme love, it was also an act of His righteous judgement. **His death was sufficient for everyone but only efficient for those who repent and personally receive Him and accordingly are born from above.**

As God, the Lord Jesus could not die. **As Man:** *"He who knew no sin was made to be sin for us"* 2 Corinthians 5:21. **He voluntarily suffered the judgement of God for sin:** *"No man taketh it (My life) from Me ... I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again"* John 10:18.

Following His resurrection and ascension, Jesus Christ as perfect Man, became the **'forerunner'** for born-again believers to enter heaven: *"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil: Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever ..."* Hebrews 6:19-20.