



CAPITOL COMMISSION

TITLE: Trail of Blood **TOPIC:** SANCTIFICATION **DATE:** Sat, April 26, 2025

VERSE: **Genesis 15:9**, "...So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon." **THOUGHT:** How did Abram¹ know to cut these in half and wait upon the LORD? This is an ancient and biblical ritual. It is a symbol or form of Christ. Our Lord was "cut in two" on the cross. He spilled His blood on our behalf. The severing of the heifer, goat, ram, dove and young pigeon—literally split in two parts—signifies the "cutting of our Lord." The heifer, goat and ram were to be three years old—this perhaps to suggest the three years of Jesus ministry before He was crucified by us and for us?

PRAYER: In the words of my father, John Hansel Sr, right after he learned his four-year-old son Josh died said, "Father I thank You for allowing Your Son to go through the excruciating pain of His crucifixion... so I can know where my son is tonight!" There were approximately 30 people in that room including our pastor... no one knew what to do... *but dad!*

¹ Would be renamed by God as Abraham. ²

