Di, was gradually replaced by the term \mp or Heaven, leading to a reduced conception of personhood and majesty of the Almighty.

It was also around this time that the Zhou ruler gave the edict that Shang Di worship be confined to the royal family. Commoners were only allowed to worship their ancestors. With the loss of the fear of God in their private and public lives, of the fear of God in their private and public lives, Chinese history became increasingly chaotic. Buddhism arrived in China from India in 67 B.C.

Let's take a closer look at the relationship between God and the Chinese people.

The Chinese people were bound to God by a blood covenant. This was renewed each year by the emperor as the son of heaven. This took the form of a ritual called the Border Sacrifice. It was in effect, the most important work of the emperor - to approach the Almighty, that the country may be blessed with peace and good harvest.

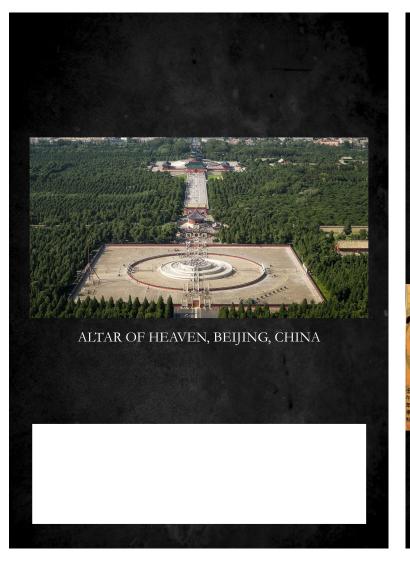
The emperor had to ritually cleanse himself for 3 days, depriving himself of wine, women and song, humbling himself before the Sovereign of

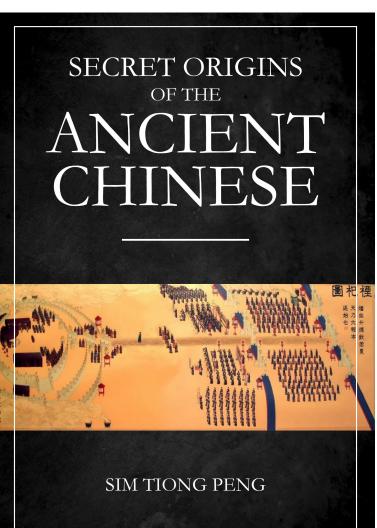
Chinese history spans nearly 5000 years. The earliest classical texts, the Classic of Poetry and the Classic of History recorded that the Chinese people originated from God. They also tell us that the earliest Chinese only worshipped the the Creator and Ruler of heaven and earth, whom they called Shang Di, 上帝, meaning Supreme they called Shang Di, 上帝, meaning Supreme Ruler.

The character of Shang Di and the God of the Bible is in essence the same. The Chinese script can therefore be traced to the earliest events of Man and God as recorded in Genesis, the first book of the Bible. See references below.

The earliest Chinese called their country 44M, or God's Country. It was a time of public and private piety, both ruler and ruled submitting to the fear of God. The person whose moral excellence pleased God received the mandate of heaven and was appointed ruler by God. Indeed, whether the country was blessed or not depended on the moral state of the ruler and the people.

This happy state of affairs did not last for long. After about 1,500 years, at the time of the third dynasty (Zhou dynasty), the name for God, Shang 1





He will judge sin: "The soul that sinneth, it shall

sin of the world. (John 1:29)". "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. effective. Rather, the blood points us to the It is not that the blood of the bull or calf is

were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans5:8)" "God (proved) his love toward us... while we

that He was God, and the Son of God. life. Through multiple miracles, He was showed He lived a life unlike ours. His was a sinless

Son of the living God". Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon In Matthew 16: 15-17, "He (Jesus) saith unto

rose again, alive, on the third day. buried according to the custom of the day but the cross. He bled and died on the cross. He was condemned to death by evil men and crucified on Though he was without sin, he was

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receive Jesus as your God, Lord and Saviour: If so, you can pray so to God in your heart to yourself? Will you want to a child of the Almighty?

Christ, your Son. Amen. for saving me. I pray this in the name of Jesus to you through your Spirit given to me. Thank you you. Strengthen me to live the life that is pleasing Lord and Saviour. I commit the rest of my life to my sins. I receive Jesus Christ, your Son, as my əm əvigrof. Save me from my sins. Forgive me snis ym lle rof yrros me I ,9m ot sint gniwods Dear Lord God Almighty, thank you for

your next step. Pray to God in Jesus' name and God will direct Jesus did for you on the cross. Seek out a Bible. of God, forgiven of all your sins through what If you prayed this prayer, you are now a child

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die. (Ezekiel 18:4)".

described in the Bible. offerings. This ritual is very similar to those consumed by fire together with other precious praise to God in heaven, the dead animal is finally blemish by shedding its blood. With music and statues, he had to kill a male calf or sheep without Heaven. At a raised empty platform devoid of any

What is the meaning of this ritual?

ritual was already lost. By the time of Confucius, the meaning of the

me, and live." Exodus 33:20 canst not see my face: for there shall no man see sinful man cannot see God., God explains, "Thou (forgiveness) of sins." Hebrews 9:22. This is why the shedding of blood, there is no remission the shedding of blood. From the Bible, "without such as ourselves to approach Him, he demands God Almighty is a Holy Being. For sinful persons

evil thoughts are laid bare before God. God is holy, are sins committed against God and man. All our unreasonable hatred, lust, not seeking God, these goes against His moral law. Lies, greed, Man is, by nature, sinful. Sin is anything that

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we must be saved (Acts 4:12)". name under heaven given among men, whereby salvation in any other: for there is none other Christ - the true Son of Heaven: "Neither is there way to heaven, is through the shed blood of As illustrated by the Border Sacrifice, the only

"(SI:1 ndot) 9man the sons of God, even to them that believe on his received him, to them gave he power to become privilege to be His children. "But as many as with God. God with man. We are given the The blood of Christ restores our relationship

consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29)". the judgment: (Hebrews 9:27)". "For our God is a is appointed unto men once to die, but after this we need not perish in hell after death: "And as it Jesus' blood is shed to pay for our sins so that

many years ago. What about you? China lost sight of the blood of the Lamb

you want Jesus to bear your sins and not you Will you want God to forgive you your sins? Will sins against God and man and be sorry for them? Do you believe? Will you acknowledge your