

The Book of Hebrews

Chapter Ten

A Better Sacrifice

I. Chapter Two Memory Verse:

Hebrews 10:10 *“Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.”*

II. Lesson – Chapter Ten

A. The Flaws in the Old Testament Sacrifices (Heb 10:1-4)

1. The Ceremonial Laws were only a _____
 - a. Not the entire Law, but only the “approach” laws
 - b. The moral laws are eternal and absolute – they are and always will be _____!
 - c. Ceremonial Laws are a shadow. They only pointed to better things to come
2. The ceremonial Laws were continual – year by year
 - a. They never could fix, or repair the comers – could not make perfect
 - b. Or else they would not have required a repeat sacrifice, constantly – that is the difference between the Gospel and Religion
 - 1) One is _____ effort
 - 2) The other makes perfect – not sinless, but _____ with God
 - c. Perfection begins in the _____
 - d. Once our sins _____ conscience can be purged! What a gift!
 - e. Every sacrifice demanded a _____ of the sin it was offered for (Heb 10:3), or else not applied
 - 1) Judgment must match the crime
 - 2) And _____ must match the crime – not just a generalisation!
 - 3) The same is between people! Do not just say, I am sorry! Be specific!
3. The blood of animals can _____ take away sins! It is impossible (10:4)!
 - a. This is a shocker to a Jew! NONE of their sins in the past were ever completely taken away! God still kept memory of the sin, and was waiting for someone to come and finish paying off the debt!
 - b. David prayed for his sin to be taken away (2Sam 24:10)
 - c. Job begged God to take away his sin (Job 7:21)
 - d. Isaiah experienced it (Isa 6:7)
 - e. Israel shall experience it (Isa 27:9; Mic 7:18,19; Rom 11:27)
4. Jesus came to take away all sin (John 1:29; Titus 2:14; 1John 3:5)
5. There are three main defects in all religious sacrifices.
 - a. They are not of the same _____ with those who sinned.
 - b. They are not of sufficient _____ to make satisfaction for the sins done to the justice of God.
 - c. The beasts offered up under the law could not _____ to put themselves in the sinner's room and place. The atoning sacrifice must be capable of consenting, and must voluntarily substitute itself in the sinner's stead. So, Christ did so.

B. The Perfection of the Messiah's Sacrifice (10:5-15)

1. Paul quotes David as a prophecy in Psalm 40:6-8. A clear prophecy of the sacrifice of the Messiah!
2. The Messiah offered Himself as a _____ not as an ANGEL
3. David spoke of a future sacrifice
 - a. Superior to animal sacrifices
 - b. Animal sacrifices were never really wanted by God. He never had pleasure in them, even from the garden of Eden
4. Notice that it was the WORD that SAID, "Lo I come..."
5. To do THY will – not His own will
6. He accomplished better things than the requirements of the law (10:8)
7. Jesus took away the first
(_____), so that he could establish the second
(_____). Notice it was PLURAL (laws), and then became SINGULAR!!!
8. The problem and success of the _____!
 - a. By Adam's wilful disobedience, mankind fell – became lost and condemned
 - b. By Christ's wilful obedience, mankind can be saved!
9. The offering of the _____ of the Messiah
 - a. A physical, living, HUMAN body – not an animal, or food, or money
 - b. Offered – given in the place of an undeserving, guilty and condemned sinner
 - c. Offered _____ (7:27; 9:12, 26, 28; 10:2, 10)
 - d. Offered for _____ (Cf 1John 2:2; 4:14; 1Tim 4:10; Isa 45:22) – not just for those elect, or the Jewish world (see 1John 5:19; Rev 12:9; John 4:42; 3:16)
10. The case of the "moving" comma (10:12)
 - a. Challoner Douay-Rheims:(official Catholic bible):
But this man offering one sacrifice for sins, **for ever sitteth** on the right hand of God,
 - b. KJV:
But this man, after he had **offered one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God;
 - c. The Catholic editions translate according to their tradition, just like the JW's do!
11. The Point! No religious system of sacrifices can EVER take away sins – none (10:11)
 - a. No matter how perfect the animal or gift
 - b. No matter how often sacrificed – every second of every day not enough!
 - c. No matter the human priesthood
12. "But THIS MAN" (10:12-15)
 - a. Offered ONE sacrifice
 - b. For sins
 - c. For ever
 - d. And SAT down on God's right hand – an EARNED place of honour
 - 1) He willingly came out from God
 - 2) Became a Man
 - 3) Returned to God AS a Man
 - 4) To His place beside God, like no one else ever could accomplish!

- 5) No one EVER sat down in the Temple or Tabernacle!
- e. He is now waiting until all His enemies are conquered
- f. He has perfected (Cf Heb 9:9) for ever those that get sanctified, cleansed (John 13:6-10; Heb 10:10)
13. So, What about our sins we commit NOW?
- a. Does verse 14 mean that it does not matter what we do because we are forgiven anyway?
- 1) We are no longer condemned vertically (Rom 8:1)
 - 2) But our sins still cost us horizontally – we reap what we sow (Gal 6:7)
- b. Does verse 14 mean that we no longer are capable of sinning?
- 1) Hebrews 10:14 is explained in 1 John 1:7-9. If a Christian believer should claim he has no sin he is deceiving himself. He is walking in deception. The truth is not in him. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).
 - 2) The moment the Holy Spirit points out to us a sin in our deeds, our speech, or our thoughts, we are to confess that sin specifically and clearly to God. We are to repent of it and turn away from it with all our determination, asking the Lord to give us strength to overcome it.
 - 3) The moment we repent and confess the sin, God the Father exercises His faithfulness and His righteousness in forgiving the sin and cleansing us from all unrighteousness.
- c. If we don't confess it and forsake it, then God will have to CHASTEN us (not condemn us) – see Heb 12:6-9

C. There is now _____ for sin (Heb 10:16-26)

1. These are New Covenant realities:
- a. We should just _____ to the work of the Holy Spirit
- 1) He puts God's laws into your minds and heart – instead of on stone
 - 2) He removes sins, remitting them
 - 3) He causes GOD to forget about your sins
- b. There is no more offering for sin needed – that is if you have been completely forgiven, which is what Paul is presenting as a FACT!
- 1) Not that there is no hope if you sin...
 - 2) But that the one sacrifice of the Messiah is the end of all sacrifices and WILL be enough – there is no more need for any more sacrifices, no matter the sin you commit after salvation!
 - 3) Christ's sacrifice was to pay for sins past, present and future, or it is a joke!
- c. You now have access into the holiest – into the very throne of God
- 1) By the blood of Jesus – not animals
 - 2) It is a new and living way – not a dead animal sacrifice
 - 3) A path STRAIGHT in has been opened and even CONSECRATED (Cf 9:23)
 - 4) Through the tearing of _____ on the cross – so, through Jesus, NOT Mary or any other means!
- d. We now have a living High priest over the household of God

2. We should _____ then – use the access!
 - a. With a true heart – a real heart
 - b. In the full assurance that only faith in such a Messiah can give you
 - c. Because our hearts have been cleansed by His blood
 - d. Because our bodies have been washed by pure water – like “priests” were
 - e. All believers are grafted into the Levitical priesthood position (Rev 1:6; 1Pet 2:5-9; Ex 19:6) – we are now all priests, with our ONE Gentile High Priest, Jesus!
3. We need to hold fast to the throne – because HE is faithful
4. We need to consider one another – not all are staying right, or close to God, so keep each other right and close to God
5. And never forsake one another – the assembling of OURSELVES (including Paul)
6. There is no other place or religion to go to – especially back to Judaism

D. But there is FEAR (Heb 10:26-31)

1. Of the Second Coming (2Thes 1:8-10)
2. So, don’t despise God’s Messiah like Israel rejected Moses. The people died without mercy
3. Beware that you do not despise
 - a. The Son of God
 - b. The blood of the NEW Covenant
 - c. The Spirit of GRACE – the Holy Spirit’s work in you
4. Because God will revenge (10:30,31) such rejection!

E. The Confidence of a Believer (10:32-39)

1. Remember all the times that you endured in the past – go back to Genesis and see all the struggles from Abraham on up to Paul’s day!
2. Remember even the recent times where you had compassion on me in my bonds (10:34)
3. There is a great reward (10:35)
4. Just be patient – trusting
5. Just a little while and Jesus will come again – AS THE CONQUERING MESSIAH
6. Live by faith until then (the theme of the entire next chapter)
7. Without giving up, or going back to the old ways – back to Judaism
8. Because you can blow the rewards of faith!!! You can miss the REST that is promised to those who live by faith!

III. Questions from Chapter Ten

- A. What is it that the Law of Moses cannot do? _____
- B. How do we know that the worshipers of the Old Testament were not made perfect?

- C. What is it that the blood of bulls and goats can never do? _____
- D. What did Christ bring in place of burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin? _____
- E. What has Christ’s will accomplished? _____
- F. For what has Jesus been waiting, from that day until the present hour? _____
- G. What has Christ accomplished by the offering of His body on the cross of Calvary?

- H. Under the new covenant, where are the ceremonial laws of God written? _____

- I. Since we have forgiveness of our sins through the blood of Christ, and since He is an eternal priest who is interceding on our behalf before the throne of the almighty God, what should we then do?
 - 1. We should _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
 - 4. _____
- J. What is the person facing who presumes to live in sin after he hears the Gospel of Christ?

- K. Under the old covenant, what happened to any individual who despised the Law of Moses?

- L. Will the punishment of the individual who despises the Gospel of Christ be more or less severe than in the case of the old covenant? _____
- M. To whom does vengeance belong? _____
- N. How are the righteous to live? _____