



## ***Hebrews: Jesus is Better***

### **Lesson 7: Run the Race! The Torch of Faith is Now Yours (November 9 & 10)**

Read Hebrews 10:1-25

1. How does the imagery of shadow and reality help us understand the differences between the law and the work of Jesus?
2. According to verse 3, what purpose did the preacher say the law served?
3. Verse 4 says that “it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.” Why then were blood sacrifices required by God? (See Psalm 50:5)
4. When God gave Moses the law, he included the necessity of blood sacrifices. In verse 5, Jesus in quoting Psalm 40:6-8, says that “sacrifices and offerings you did not desire,” and that “with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.” Read Micah 6:7-8. What does God require of his people more than sacrifice?
5. The original hearers of Hebrews were tempted to return to empty practices as a means of pleasing God. What “sacrifices and offerings” do you think modern believers are most tempted to believe God takes pleasure in?
6. According to verses 11 and 12, what did Jesus accomplish with his one sacrifice that the Levitical priests could never do? What is the significance of the words “stand” and “sat” in these verses (see also 1:3, 8:1, and 12:2)?
7. How is a covenant written on hearts and minds better than one written on stone?



8. Describe a time when the Holy Spirit brought to mind words of truth in the midst of temptation or sin? How is having an internal Spirit-given sense of right and wrong better than an external one?

9. This passage guarantees that God will remember our sins no more. What barriers do you experience in believing that God has forgiven all of your sins?

10. According to verse 19, what does the new covenant give us that the old covenant could not?

11. Throughout the Bible, God loves, pursues, and desires to be with his people. "I will be their God, and they will be my people" (Jer. 31:33 and Heb. 8:10). Verses 10:12-22 remind us of the great privilege of being able to draw near to God as his people. What are some of the ways you draw near to God?

12. In verse 23 the preacher encourages us to "hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." What can you do practically to hold onto the hope of God's promises?

13. Consider verses 24 & 25. What are some ways we can encourage one another toward acts of love and good works?

14. Why do you think the author encourages Christians to continue to meet together? What are some of the reasons people neglect meeting together?

15. How central is Christ's finished work in your thinking? How does it affect your thinking about the future?