

Hebrews 10

Jesus

Hebrews 9:11 Christ came as High Priest of **the good things to come** ...28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. **To those who eagerly wait** for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, **for salvation.**

I. Shadow vs Reality

1 For the law, having **a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things**

Ceremonial Law/Sacrifices: Shadows of the Good things to Come
The Sacrifice of Jesus: Reality of Good Things Now Available

- *Shadows cannot* be felt
- *Shadows cannot* be utilized
- *Shadows cannot* be both a shadow and the reality
- ***Shadows can give a sense/expectation of the reality***

We don't try to grasp the shadow when the reality appears...
To the Hebrews: Animal Sacrifices are Over...

1b [The OT Sacrificial system...] can never with these same sacrifices, which they [I.e. earthly High Priests] offer continually year by year, **make those who approach perfect.**

Hebrews 9:9 [The Ceremony] was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which **cannot make him who performed the service perfect** in regard to the conscience—

Hebrews 7:19 ...for **the law made nothing perfect**; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a **better hope**, through which we draw near to God.

The shadow revealed the reality of a Better Hope
The shadow could not take away our sin...

2 For **then would they not have ceased to be offered?**

Repetition revealed the weakness of the First Covenant

If the sacrifice was sufficient, they would not have to come back next year. Instead of a clear conscience the offering left a reminder of sin to be dealt with the following year. IOWs a sufficient sacrifice in theory/theology should leave us with a **clear conscience from sin.** [NJC]

2b... For the worshippers, once purified, would have had **no more consciousness of sins.** **3** But in those sacrifices there is a **reminder of sins** every year.

An atonement that needs constant repetition does not really atone; a conscience which has to be cleansed once a year has never been truly cleansed. [Robinson]

4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could **take away sins.**

Hebrews 9:8 ...the Holy Spirit indicating that the way into the Holiest of All **was not yet made manifest** while the first tabernacle was still standing ...**12b ...but with His own blood He entered** the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

The penalty for sin is death. Man sinned.

Therefore, the blood of animals could not take away sin
Only the body/blood of a perfect man w/out an Adamic sin nature could...

II. To Do Your Will

5 Therefore, when He [Jesus] came into the world, He said [to the Father] :
"Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But **a body You have prepared for Me.** 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.

The plan was from eternity past
The Father would offer His Son as a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world

"A body You have prepared for Me"

NOTE: The Me existed before the body was prepared!

7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— **In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.'** " [c.f. Psalm 40:6-8]

Genesis to Revelation
Jesus fulfilling the will of His Father for us

- All Books of the Bible speak of Jesus
- Here quoting from Psalms 1000 BC. What is written?

Jesus steadfast desire to do the will of the Father
Can we say: To do thy will O God is my greatest desire?

8 **Previously** [Jesus] saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, "Behold, **I have come to do Your will, O God.**" **He takes away the first that He may establish the second.**

- **Previously the Father said:** Animal Sacrifice I did not desire/Take pleasure in
- **Then Jesus said:** I have come to do Your will Father...To offer Myself for their sin

Taking away to First Covenant to establish the Second Covenant
Jesus willingly went to the Cross for us...

10 By **that will** we **have been sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Isaiah 53:9b ...He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. 10 **Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him**; He has put Him to grief. When You **make His soul an offering for sin**, 12b Because **He poured out His soul** unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, **And made intercession for the transgressors.**

It is finished! What is finished?
Our Salvation/Our Sanctification

All by one act of Sacrificial Obedience to the Father once for all...

III. Christ's Death Perfects the Sanctified

11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can **never take away sins**. 12 **But this Man**, after He had **offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God...**

Hebrews 1:3 Jesus...who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, **sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...**

As God rested from Creation He now rests after Salvation
Jesus is now seated at the Right Hand of the Father

Mark 14:61b ... [High Prest] "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" 62 Jesus said, "I am. And **you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power**, and coming with the clouds of heaven." ...64 You have heard the blasphemy!

Jesus now sits at the Right Hand of the Father
Making available by faith the Good Things promised

Colossians 3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

Jesus finished the work/Sits at the right hand of the Father
Waiting for what is already finished to play out in real time...

13 from that time **waiting till His enemies** are made His footstool. 14 For by one offering **He has perfected forever** those who are being sanctified.

Just as Jesus came to destroy the work of the Devil/Waiting for it to play out...
So, Jesus **has** finished the work of Salvation/**Has** finished Sanctification

IOWs We are actively waiting for what He has already *worked in* to be *worked out*

15 But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, 16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My laws into their hearts**, and **in their minds** I will write them," 17 then He adds, "**Their sins** and their lawless deeds **I will**

remember no more." 18 Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. [Prophesied 2700 yrs ago]

A time is coming and is now here!

No more offering for sin is necessary for Salvation
In fact: Anything we offer to God for Salvation is an insult

IV. Hold Fast Your Confession

19 Therefore, brethren, **having boldness to enter the Holiest** by the blood of Jesus 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, **through the veil, that is, His flesh...**

The Tabernacle spoke of Jesus/The Temple spoke of Jesus
The Veil in the Tabernacle/Temple spoke of Jesus

Matthew 27:50 ...Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 Then, behold, the **veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom...**

The Veil that covered the entrance to God spoke of Jesus flesh
Opened the way for sinful man to the heart of a Holy God

So...Unlike the High Priest who came trembling we come having boldness...

21 ...and having a **High Priest over the house of God**, 22 **let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith**

Our High Priest opened the way for sinful man to approach a Holy God
New True Heart/Clean Conscience before God!

21b ...having our **hearts sprinkled** from an evil conscience and our **bodies washed** with pure water.

Our Hearts *were sprinkled* from an evil conscience at Salvation
Jesus expects us to take full advantage of that/All the good things now available

- **He spilled His blood** that we might have a clear conscience
- **He gave His body** that we might use them for His Holy purpose

A way to God/A True Heart/A Clear Conscience/A Sanctified Body
Wow! How can I be sure?

Because God promised...He is the Promise Keeper
His promise is based on His *faithfulness*...not our good deeds, so...

23 Let us **hold fast the confession of our hope** without wavering, for **He who promised is faithful.**

We can now enter into the Promised Land of good things by faith

Salvation/Sanctification/Throne of Grace/Spirit led Life

1 Thessalonians 5:24 He who calls you is faithful, **who also will do it.**

1 Corinthians 1:9 **God is faithful**, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

24 And let us **consider one another** in order to **stir up love and good works** 25 **not forsaking the assembling** of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another.**

We now have a responsibility to use what Jesus gives to us for others
IOWs You got all this stuff, *now use it to build others up...*

Philippians 2:1 ... if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, **but also for the interests of others.**

Maybe going to that Bible Study/Breakfast/Fellowship?
Stop being selfish/Get out of your comfort zone/Bless God by blessing others

- Pre-planned excuse to any invitation?
- I find fellowship elsewhere?
- That's not really my thing?

Instead, consider one another...

- Stir up love/good works
- Don't isolate
- Instead, exhort...

25b ...and **so much the more** as you **see the Day approaching.**

Acts 2:42 And they **continued steadfastly** in the apostles' doctrine and **fellowship**, in the **breaking of bread, and in prayers.**

Romans 13:11 ... *it is* high time to **awake out of sleep**; for now our **salvation is nearer than when we first believed.**

Philippians 4:5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. **The Lord is at hand.**

V. The Just Live by Faith

26 For if we **sin willfully** after we have received the knowledge of the truth there **no longer remains a sacrifice for sins** 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

The thought seems to be closely connected with the preceding verse, suggesting that if we forsake our fellow-Christians, it may easily lead to our forsaking Christ. [Thomas]

Hebrews 6:4 ...it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

IOWs Going back to legalism leaves you with a shadow not the reality
A shadow cannot save

Presumptuously assuming an intellectual understanding of Salvation by Grace
Somehow gives license to continue a selfish/self-seeking existence...is self-deceit

Numbers 15:30 But the person who does anything **presumptuously**, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the Lord, and he shall be **cut off from among his people.**

IOWs Persistent presumptuous sin
Reveals a wicked unregenerated heart. Period.

28 Anyone who has **rejected Moses' law dies without mercy** on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 **Of how much worse punishment**, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy **who has trampled the Son of God** underfoot, **counted the blood** of the covenant by which he was sanctified a **common thing**, and **insulted the Spirit of grace?**

Punishment for breaking the written Law of God was w/out mercy
Punishment for rejecting the Grace of God will be worse

[No longer remains a sacrifice for sin] This text has been the occasion of great distress to some gracious souls; they have been ready to conclude that every willful sin, after conviction and against knowledge, is the unpardonable sin: but this has been their infirmity and error. The sin here mentioned is **a total and final apostasy**, when men with a full and fixed will and resolution despise and reject Christ, the only Savior,-despise and resist the Spirit, the only sanctifier,-and despise and renounce the gospel, the only way of salvation, and the words of eternal life; and all this after they have **known, owned, and professed, the Christian religion**, and continue to do so obstinately and maliciously. [Henry]

- **Trample** the Son of God underfoot
- **Count** His blood shed for you as nothing
- **Insult** the Spirit of Grace

Matthew 12:31every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the **blasphemy against the Spirit** will not be forgiven men.

Rejecting the Spirit's revelation of who Jesus is/Our need of Salvation
Manifest in Word/Deed/Thought till Death

30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

The Lord will judge his people; he will search and try his visible church, and will discover and detect those who say they are Jews, and are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan; and he will separate the precious from the vile, and will punish the sinners in Zion with the greatest severity. [Henry]

We know the greatness of His blessings toward believers
We shudder at the thought of His vengeance toward those who reject His grace

Luke 12:5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

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32 But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you **endured a great struggle with sufferings**: 33 partly while you were made a spectacle both by **reproaches** and **tribulations**, and partly while you became **companions of those who were so treated** 34 for **you had compassion on me** in my chains, and **joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods**

Hebrews 6:9 But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. 10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

After you receive the Light of the Word you began to change

- **Endurance:** Struggles/suffering
- **Humiliation:** Due to our suffering
- **Compassion:** Still shown to us
- **Acceptance:** Of the consequences for helping us

...knowing that you have a **better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.**

2 Timothy 1:16 The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain...

Matthew 6:20 ...lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

35 Therefore **do not cast away your confidence**, which has great reward. 36 For **you have need of endurance**, so that after you have done the will of God, **you may receive the promise**:

Hebrews 9:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Great reward is awaiting those who hold on to confidence in Jesus
Even/Especially when things get really bad...

Matthew 5:12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for **great is your reward in heaven**, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Luke 21:19 By your patience possess your souls.

The Promised Reward is Coming Soon!

37 "For yet a little while, And He who is coming **will come** and will not tarry.

Revelation 22:20b ...Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Luke 18:8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, **will He really find faith on the earth?"**

When Jesus comes back, He will judge our enemies those who do not repent
God calls us by Faith to continue to love our enemies

38 Now **the just shall live by faith**; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."

- **Romans 1:17** The just shall live by **faith**
- **Galatians 3:11** The **just** shall live by faith
- **Hebrews 10:38** The just shall **live** by faith

The Just shall live by faith
Faith to continue to love in the midst of persecution

39 But **we are not of those who draw back** to perdition, but of those who believe to the **saving of the soul**.

We are saved by Jesus/We are sustained by Jesus

Hebrews 7:24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also **able to save to the uttermost** those who come to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them**.

Jude 24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever.
Amen.