

Passage: Hebrews 10:1-21

Title: The Radiance of the Son (Jesus Christ)

Summary: Chapters 11-13 of this book will begin the “application” of applying all that was taught in chapters 1-10; Chapter 10 is almost a total wrap-up of the whole epistle. The author goes over the main points again, puts in a warning not to add to or take away from all that we have studied – the superiority of Christ. In the wrap-up today, we will see the “Radiance of the Son”, Jesus Christ, and as we do, He will draw us to His warmth and love. Join us for another great passage of Scripture written from our Heavenly Father to His children.

Chapter 10 - Christ and His Sacrifice: The Animal Sacrifices are Insufficient

- The Shadow of the Son (of good things to come) – 10:1-11
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Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need

The Shadow of the Son (of good things to come) – 10:1-11

The Old sacrificial system was just a shadow of things to come, a picture of the real thing, Jesus Christ.

(Hebrews 10:1 NKJV) For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.

(Hebrews 10:2 NKJV) For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.

(Hebrews 10:3 NKJV) But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.

To Make Perfect

The word perfect meant “sinless”. Image Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, and to hear those words, “be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect”, and to know there is no way you in and of yourself can do that, and truly know that Temple sacrifices cannot make you perfect, but only for a moment cover your guilt.

Matthew 5:48 (NKJV) ⁴⁸ Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Genesis 17:1 (NKJV) ¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.

Temple Sacrifice Again / Remember Your Sin / Remember Your Savior

You make your way to the tabernacle, bringing your little lamb with you. Watching the blood flow as it is offered as a sacrifice, you’re reminded once again that you’re still a sinner, still a sinner year after year after year. When Jesus came on the scene, however, what did He say? “Do this in remembrance of Me.” In other words, He didn’t say, “Remember your sin.” He said, “Remember your Savior” (see Luke 22:19).

Luke 22:19–20 (NKJV) ¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁰ Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."

Our Sacrificial System / Remember Your Salvation – not Your Sin

The same is still true today. I have a tendency to keep returning to my own little sacrificial system, asking myself, "How long did I pray today?" or, "How many chapters have I read this year?" But, due to our inability to keep our own rules, rituals, and regulations, our promises and pledges only continually remind us that we're failures. That is why Jesus said, "I don't want you to remember your sin by continual sacrifice. I want you to remember your salvation by continual celebration."

The price has been paid. The blood has been shed. The work is done. Jesus left us with Communion, not that we would say, "Oh, we're such sinners," but that we would say, "Oh, what a Savior!"

We should also I might add, celebrate the Savior's work in the other believers in our lives too.

(Hebrews 10:4 NKJV) For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

(Hebrews 10:6 NKJV)

In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.

(Hebrews 10:7 NKJV)

Then I said, 'Behold, I have come; In the volume of the book it is written of Me; To do Your will, O God.'

Kaphar – Cover (not Remove)

It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sin, they could only cover, until the next time the person sinned, then back to the Temple to "cover" again. The Hebrew word is, *kaphar*. He shall make an atonement, in our English Bible, but in the Hebrew, he shall make a *kaphar*. And the word literally is a covering. Under the Old Testament sacrifices, their sins were covered. They were not put away. It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats could put away sin. Thereby those who died under the law, the Old Testament saints, died in faith, as we will, the crossover into the next chapter. He is going to talk about all of these men of faith. They died in faith, but they didn't receive the promise because it was impossible that their sins could be put away in the sacrifices of bulls and goats. The blood of bulls and goats could not put away sin. They could only cover the sin.

Leviticus 16:30 (NKJV) ³⁰ For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

Jesus Puts Our Sin Away

But Jesus, in His sacrifice, has put away our sins! Therefore it is not necessary for Him, every year, to be crucified. It is not necessary for His sacrifice to be made over and over again. His sacrifice is complete! It is perfect! It is sufficient! And once He gave Himself and for all! Never again will it be necessary for the Son of God to give Himself for sin! That is an accomplish

(Hebrews 10:5 NKJV) Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

"Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.

Realize, spirit doesn't pierce. It doesn't bruise or bleed. Jesus needed a body. He was born to die! God became a man so He could take a nail for you!

John 4:24 (NKJV) ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Septuagint

Now this is a quotation of Psalm 40:6-8. Let me read it out of Psalm and you read it out of Hebrews. You will notice a slight difference. In Psalm 40:6-8, "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.*"

Psalm 40:6–8 (NKJV) ⁶ Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. ⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book *it is written of me.* ⁸ I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."

Now you say, how come, when he is quoting from the Psalm, it is different from the Psalm itself? Most of the New Testament quotations from the Old Testament are taken from the Septuagint.

Two hundred and forty years before Jesus was born, when the Jews returned from their captivity, very few of them spoke Hebrew. Greek was the language of the world at that time because of Alexander the Great, spreading the Greek culture throughout the world. And so, Greek was the common language in the times of Jesus.

When they had returned from the Babylonian captivity, they actually were speaking, of course, the Babylonian language. Later, Greek became the universal language. And because the Jews could not read Hebrew, they could not read their own law. They could not read their prophets. They couldn't read the Old Testament. So they felt that they needed to give the people the Scriptures in a language that they could read. So there were seventy scholars that set upon the task of translating the Hebrew into Greek. Septuagint is the seventy, referring to the seventy scholars. And they translated the Hebrew Scriptures into Greek, so that the people could read the Scriptures for themselves because they could read Greek, but they didn't know Hebrew. So possibly outside of Jesus and Paul, probably none of the other apostles even knew the Hebrew language. But because the people were acquainted with the Septuagint and knew the Greek Septuagint, most of the quotations in the New Testament come from the Greek Septuagint rather than the original Hebrew Scriptures.

Hebrew only Language to Resurrect

Hebrew is the only language in the world that was completely dead as an everyday tongue and then resurrected to become a living language after thousands of years. The "Father" of modern Hebrew, Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, was devoted to restoring Hebrew for the Jewish people of our time when for centuries it was strictly a written language.

Ben-Yehuda knew that language fluency is best acquired in childhood, and thus raised his first-born son exclusively speaking Hebrew, convinced that he would become a living sign for its future revival as a living language. He believed by raising his child exclusively in Hebrew, that a national linguistic revival was possible! Ben-Yehuda's conviction and hard work inspired the usage and training of Israeli children in Hebrew at schools throughout Israel.

So it was that the children who were born in Israel and went to school, learned Hebrew first -- and since, of course, the adults didn't know Hebrew, it was the children who taught their parents.

There is a profound example in Ben-Yehuda's inspiring act of faith -- for as Yeshua said, "Unless you are changed and become like little children you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven." If you want to speak the language of Heaven, you must learn it as a child would learn! Little children are open, receptive, hungry to learn, believing, humble, and lighthearted. According to Yeshua (Jesus), these qualities are necessary for entry into our Lord's realm.

[Matthew 18:3 \(NKJV\)](#) ³ and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

A Miracle

And here's another miracle. It survived 2000 years without a homeland. No nation has ever lasted longer than 200 years without a homeland. And it's not known of any language that has survived 2000 years without it being used and spoken, especially in the homeland. But as His first miracle of bringing them back into the land, after their discipline for 70 years of disobedience, his first coming, the language of the Old Testament prepared the way for the Lord. And now 2000 years later, the word of the language of the Hebrew has been brought back to life once yet again, all to declare, again, prophecies pointing to and the fulfillment that they shall be of the second coming of Christ. Every time you see this Hebrew Bible in the Old Testament, every time you see a Scripture that parallels back to an Old Testament Hebrew writing, and every time you see the nation of Israel, it declares the promises of God and that nothing can stop them. And, therefore, all the promises of God towards you are yes and amen, whether that's

- Whether that be "I'll never leave you nor forsake you" – Hebrews 13:5
- Whether that be "He who began a good work will be faithful to complete it." – Philippians 1:6
- Whether that be "I come that they may have life and that more abundant." - John 10:10
- Whether that be "I'll write my law on their heart and their mind." – Hebrews 10:16
- Whether that be "I'll remember their sin no more." – Hebrews 10:17
- Whether that be "My God shall supply all their needs." – Philippians 4:19
- Whether that be "Where I am, you shall be, as I will come for you." – John 14:3

All these promises are yes and sure. Amen. – 2 Corinthians 1:20

In the volume of the Book – it is written of Him!

The Bondservant

So back to our passage, verse 5, now, there is really no basic change in the meaning. Words sometimes are different. Mine ear hast Thou opened is the Septuagint. A body thou has prepared me is the Hebrew in the Psalms. But they basically, mean the same thing. As you take a look at the original Hebrew and the Septuagint, basically they mean the same thing. Mine ear hast Thou opened is a reference to the committing of yourself to the will of God as a bondservant.

You remember (Exodus 21) if a person had served out his allotted time as a slave and he said, well, I like it here. I really am quite satisfied. I have no place to go. The food is good. The wages are good. I mean I have a nice place. And I have borne children and all. I would like to just stay here. The master would bring you to the doorpost of the house. He would take an awl and he would pin your earlobe to the doorpost with the awl. He would drive the awl through the lobe of your ear, up against the doorpost. And then they would put the ring in your ear. That ring was a sign that you were a slave by choice. You were submitting to the will, by choice.

Exodus 21:5-6 (NKJV) ⁵ But if the servant plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,' ⁶ then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.

So Jesus, in the ear being pierced concept, is that He willingly submitted Himself to the will of the Father, especially in going to the cross and dying for our sins. So, when He came into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me (Or you have pierced my ear, in the Hebrew): In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book as it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Verse five. "Before the piercing of the hands and the feet, there was and needed to be the piercing of the ear." And for the whole life of Jesus, he sought to do the will of the Father, the work of the Father, to please the Father, confirmed by the Father. This is my Son, who I'm well pleased. But it was there in the garden, the final demonstrating proof of the pierced ear, where Jesus would say, "Not thy will, but your will be done." We look to the cross as the place of victory and, true it was, but the victory was totally sealed in the garden and merely and greatly confirmed at the cross.

Matthew 3:16-17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

The picture in the world was the bondservant and the bondservant was bonded, sealed through the piercing of the ear there at the door of the master's home. And so we do unto our master, our Lord and Savior, our Father in heaven at his house, his holy tabernacle, as we go to the door and have our ear pierced. And a ring would be put in, the picture of marriage, as we've discussed. The picture of the gospel. A bride for the Son, with a ring sealed, the circle representing endless love, bound between two in a covenant agreement.

And you get to do that every day, this piercing and this life of prayer, as we're bound and knitted together with our Lord. And as Jesus, his prayer, of course, if there'd be any other way. Who wants to go through the pain and the suffering that this fallen world is filled with? Even Jesus would ask, "Is there any other way?? But the answer was, "There is no other way." And this was the will of the Father for the Son because it was his will for us to see his love and the radiance and warmth of his love. And Jesus didn't pray to change your mind, lord. He prayed for the power to fulfill the will of a father and to please the father. And so, too,

our place of prayer, asking the Lord to work. But when He shows us what the direction and the will is, then we ask for the wisdom and the will to do what he's called and have the power to do it for his glory. And you'll never be disappointed, regardless, when you do that, even as hard as it may be, there's a glory that comes after submitting to the will of the Father. Jesus shows us that.

Luke 22:41–42 (NKJV) ⁴¹ And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

(Hebrews 10:6 NKJV)

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Then I said, 'Behold, I have come; In the volume of the book it is written of Me; To do Your will, O God.'

On every page of Scripture, buried in every ritual, seen in every sacrifice - there's a prophetic portrait of the person and work of Jesus. And when it came time to lay down His life, He was obedient to the will of God.

OT Types and Shadows / His-Story / Divides Time

That's quite a statement! The statement is, that the volume of the Book is written of Jesus. The Old Testament is written concerning Jesus. He is there in types, in shadows, foreshadowing Jesus. He is there in the various types, those that were types of Christ. Types of His life, types of His ministry, as well as the direct prophecies concerning Jesus. The whole Old Testament is pointing toward Jesus. All of the sacrifices were pointing toward Jesus.

I've come in the volume of the Book, it is written of Me! From Genesis through Revelation. Genesis 1 starts with, "In the beginning, God." John 1 begins with, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." The two tie perfectly together because the very word of God is God. Every word we read today, every word spoken here is the word of God. It is God. It's the heart of God and hence why the glory of God when we open the word and let it just have its way with us and let it take us away. But the book ends in Genesis and it says, "Don't add to it. Don't take it away. Just open it up and let it speak for itself."

Genesis 1:1 (NKJV) ¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1 (NKJV) ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Revelation 22:18 (NKJV) ¹⁸ For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

The whole Book is really written of Jesus. They say that history is really His story! HIS STORY. Put an extra "s" in there and you've got it. History is His story! And it is interesting that He divides history and we divide time by Him. The years before He came and years since He has come. Before Christ (B.C.) and in the year of our Lord, A.D. (Anno Domini). So the division of history.

The Volume of Book – I Chose You

Verse seven. What an amazing declaration is past history to continue on that theme. God says, "I chose you. All the days, all the pieces, all the events of history, they speak that I chose you because I wanted you." I got a whole book, passage, the volume speaks of me and it all speaks of my holiness, my wonder, my glory and my purpose. Revelation 4:11. "I created you for my good pleasure." Psalm 16:11. "And in His presence, his fullness of joy, the fellowship and the sweetness, this marriage, union and celebration that we have." Because the volume of the book all speaks of a God who wanted us, wanted you to be his. That's amazing.

Revelation 4:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

Psalms 16:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 139 speaks of the thoughts that He has towards us. "I'll number of the grains of sand on the sea and the stars in heaven." And as Daniel 12 tells us, knowledge increases in the last days. We start to see even greater how vast this universe is, how many stars there are in the sky. And we look at grains of sand and we look at stars in heaven. It all speaks of God's thoughts towards us. If I just take mankind's existence, the volume of the book covering the span of 6,000 years and soon to come to an end as he comes to get us and take us home, I calculated somewhere around 189 billion seconds of existence. And every last one of those seconds of the volume of the book written about Him and his love for me and why he came because I love you. I want you. I chose you.

Psalm 139:17–18 (NKJV) ¹⁷ *How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!* ¹⁸ *If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.*

Thinking of You (Just in this Time Domain)

- 6,000 years (thousands)
- 2,190,000 days (millions)
- 52,560,000 hours (millions)
- 3,153,600,000 minutes (billions)
- 189,216,000,000 seconds (billions)

Yet He said He chose us before the foundations of the world – so that is a little more than a 189 billion (smile-smile, as that is amazing):

Ephesians 1:4–6 (NKJV) ⁴ *just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,* ⁵ *having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,* ⁶ *to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.*

John 17:24–26 (NKJV) ²⁴ *“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”* ²⁵ *O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.* ²⁶ *And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”*

(Hebrews 10:8 NKJV) Previously 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), **(Hebrews 10:9 NKJV)** then He said, "**Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.**" He takes away the first that He may establish the second.

God took no pleasure in the blood of animals. What satisfied the Father's sense of justice was the sinless life and sacrifice of His Son.

The first sacrificial system is gone—replaced by the New Covenant.

Promissory Note / One Dollar Bill

If the Father has no pleasure in sacrifices, why did He establish the system in the first place? Simply put, the bulls and rams, goats and lambs were a promissory note....

The one-dollar bill in your pocket would be a worthless piece of paper if not for the government in Washington D.C. putting its weight behind it, guaranteeing its value. Suppose, however, you opened your great-grandmother's trunk and found stacks of thousand-dollar bills. Upon closer inspection, you see upon them the image of Jefferson Davis. Now, although an antique dealer might buy them from you, the bills wouldn't be worth nearly their original value because the Confederate government no longer exists.

Old System – Old government / Confederate Money

The same is true of the sacrificial system. At one time, it had some weight because it represented the blood of the coming sacrificial Lamb of God. But once the new government, the New Testament, the New Covenant took effect, the sacrifices of the Old Covenant became confederate money—as worthless as any sacrifice you're presently making to try to earn God's blessing or to get Him to listen to you.

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

(Hebrews 10:11 NKJV) And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

For a thousand years the Levitical priests had repeated the Temple rituals. For Jews in Jerusalem the sight, smells, and sounds of the Temple were as familiar as the sunrise and the sunset. Yet in just a few years after the penning of this book the Roman Legion invaded Jerusalem and burned the Temple to the ground, putting an end to the sacrifices. Following Jesus' sacrifice, God ended the Temple operation. It was now obsolete and irrelevant. Once the ultimate sacrifice was made, who needed the shadow!

By the way, this world's system is fading away, in fact someday soon according to the Volume of the Book, it will be completely destroyed. Don't put your trust in it, just as the Author told the Jewish believers not to trust in the Temple, for when it is destroyed, you will be left with nothing.

1 John 2:15–17 (NKJV) ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

You'll be Free

God has pleasure in only one Sacrifice. And once you see this, once it really sinks into your heart, you are free because you are in a position to receive blessing from the Father based solely upon His provision.

The Radiance of the Son (the One Sacrifice) – 10:12-21

When Jesus came the world saw the real thing. What the whole world craves to see, show us the Father and it will suffice us, we will be satisfied. We see clearly the heart of the Father, willing to give His only begotten Son.

John 14:8–9 (NKJV) ⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

(Hebrews 10:12 NKJV) But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

Once Jesus completed the job of atoning for our sin, He sat down at God's right hand - a position of honor. And today, He's there, waiting for the time when God defeats His enemies, or puts them under His feet. It's interesting, the OT priest never sat down.

There was furniture in the OT Holy Place, but no chair. The priest was in perpetual motion, always on his feet, for under the Law his work was never finished. Yet when Jesus offered His sacrifice, He "sat down at the right hand of God." Jesus completed the work of redemption once and for all - a job well done! That's when He sat next to the Father to await His exaltation.

(Hebrews 10:13 NKJV) from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

Sat Down - Jesus isn't standing or pacing, running or fretting. He's totally at rest concerning you.

Satan is a Squatter

from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. In Psalm 110, he is quoting. So He is just sitting there at the right hand—forever! He is waiting now until the enemies become His footstool. Right now, the earth, the world is under the power of Satan. Satan rules in this evil world. Paul said at one time you lived after the things of the world. One time you were just meandering according to the course of this world, according to prince of the power of the air, that even now is working in the children of disobedience, among whom we all once lived. Recognizing that the world is under Satan's influence, under Satan's power. It's very, very obvious today, when you hear the popular music, when you hear what is going on in the world today. It's obvious that Satan is in control.

But one day, Satan's rule is going to come to an end. But as men today are rebelling against God's authority more and more, the world is ripening now for the judgment of God. God is very patient, very long-suffering, but right now the world is ripening for the judgment of God. Once God judges the world in what we call the Great Tribulation, then God will subdue all of the rebellion and the enemies of Jesus. And Jesus will come to reign over the earth. And He will establish His kingdom of righteousness and joy and peace. And when the Lord, who is our life, shall appear to reign, then shall we also appear with Him in glory to reign with Him as kings and priests throughout the millennium of His kingdom reign.

Right now, He made the sacrifice, and He is just there—waiting, until the Father has accomplished His purposes and subdued the enemy. The Lord will then come to reign, expecting until His enemies are made His footstool.

Verse 13. He made his enemies foot stools. It just amazes me as I think that I was once an enemy. It amazes me to think even after redemption, though a son, I could still be offensive. Not an enemy, but surely hurtful in the heart of God. So I spent time with my son this week and just enjoyed his presence and looking at his face and watching him grow from a child into a man, looking into his eyes, warmed in my heart by him.

I said to myself, "I could not imagine giving him as a sacrifice, especially with the knowing how some would trample him underfoot or even receive it, say, 'Thanks,' then go on with total disregard and not living a life of glory, not living a life of let your will be done." That's amazing. We need to always keep that in the context of how great our sin was, how great sin is and how great the price was and how great the sacrifice that covered it. It's good to come here and do this in remembrance to remind us where we've been, who we once were, where we are secured and where we go to be with him. That's amazing grace.

Make the enemies the foot stool. That's the picture of a conquering general with his foot on the neck of his enemy showing total victory fitting as it's a declaration back to Genesis three, the first gospel mentioned in the Bible, protoevangelism is what it's called, first mention of the gospel. And it speaks that the serpent which snipped your heel, the heel of your foot, but you shall crush his head. All his power will be put under foot. And on the cross, Satan snipped the heel of the God man but on the third day the enemy's neck was underfoot and victory has been made. But now all we see is Satan is a squatter. His time is short.

Genesis 3:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Satan on borrowed time. He knows it. God's going to wrap this all up. Why does He wait? Because of grace. Because when He calls it, man will not come through the simplicity of grace today who receive Jesus Christ as Lord and savior, that grace will come with a period of tribulation that will be hell on earth. Even though saved, not removed by it. What we see here today is nothing compared to what is to come. You don't want to be here for that. Give your life to Christ.

Which by the way, on that note, in the tribulation, the anti-Christ at the point where he has now turned himself over to the devil and fully possessed and owned by the devil, he will be the devil himself incarnate, will go into this temple that's re built in the last days as prophesied. And at the midpoint he'll go in and he'll want to be declared God because he comes in to make a sacrifice here in this very temple. No doubt, the very holy holies because what he wants to do is everything just a mimic and a copy of the one true God. And so he'll copy that. He'll mimic that but he will find that that will be the ultimate revelation and he will be exposed for who he is before the Jewish people and it will turn into the great revival of the nation of Israel.

Matthew 24:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

(Hebrews 10:14 NKJV) For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

(Hebrews 10:15 NKJV) But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before,

(Hebrews 10:16 NKJV) "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,"

(Hebrews 10:17 NKJV) then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Verse 17 reflects me into Romans 17 of chapter 10, two great passages that go 10, 17 and both of them are by faith. We have to by faith believe that our sins are forgiven and He remembers them no more and that we can be free of them.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

(Hebrews 10:18 NKJV) Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

Emancipation Proclamation

How fitting a passage before us today on June 19, what's known in history books as Juneteenth, the combination of the month and the day 19th. Juneteenth. And what's the historical significance of it was the Emancipation Proclamation that was declared that, in 1865, on that day, the Union Army walked in with the Proclamation to let it be known that slavery was abolished and every slave was free. The end of the oppression, the hatred, the mistreatment of God's creation. What's significant about that is the Emancipation Proclamation was two years before that and yet the people in Texas, the furthest corner of the country at that time, were never told that you're free. Man continually oppressed, man continually kept them in bondage because they would not declare the truth, but the truth set them free. The price that was paid, a bloody civil war, 750,000 countrymen, half fighting for the oppression, the other half fighting for the freedom. A long bloody war, but in the end, the declaration, "You're free. Set free. Free indeed." And so we see what a picture. How many people continually held in their bondage and their slavery and their oppression because the word doesn't come to them that you can be free, the battle's been won, the victory's been secured. With much shedding of blood, a sacrifice made to set them free, to set you free. And yet so often the world continues to live in its oppression as no one will declare, "There's nothing more to be done. The battle's secure." Regardless, man's lies. There's a declaration that's been made. And Jesus made it from the cross. "It is done. You are free. With the shedding of blood, there is the remission of sin. Go and live accordingly."

And may I say, just as in the Civil War, the sacrifice that was paid for the freedom, what an insult to all the families who gave up loved ones, who fought for the freedom and only to find that the people didn't enter in and receive the freedom, that they were still held in bondage by a great liar. What an insult and an offense that the sacrifice was not told to the world and what a calling for the church and what a calling for us. May we not trample the sacrifice, keep it to ourselves, keep it away from those who could benefit and will benefit from the freedom. May we be a people who live in it, declare it, at whatever the price and whatever the cost.

And what is the work of God? Because the amen of being set free. In that proclamation on June 19, they were told, "You're free. Now you go work and you get paid your wages. You're worthy of them. And let no one withhold your wages. Reap what you sweat." And for us, all the work was done by Jesus Christ. And he says, "This is the work of God. That you believe on Him, whom he sent." And so our work now is not work for salvation, but it's work to reap the rewards that come with the proclamation of the emancipation. "Set free. Free indeed."

(Hebrews 10:19 NKJV) Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Boldly Come

Verse 16 of Hebrews four speaks the same word again, to boldly come to the throne of grace that we may find help and favor in our time of need. That's where we'll see the Father, the warmth of the Son and our hearts will be drawn. Verse 12 of that same chapter there in Hebrews four says the Word, it reveals, it exposes, but it's the only way to show the truth. It comes and brings the declaration of the emancipation of the proclamation that we're set free, that we can live in newness of life because we have a high priest who made the perfect sacrifice once and for all and it is done.

Hebrews 4:11–16 (NKJV) ¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account. ¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(Hebrews 10:20 NKJV) by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

The Temple had a veil of separation. It was a huge curtain that hung in front of the Holy of Holies. It was a reminder that God was off-limits to mortal men. Yet the moment Jesus died, Matthew tells us the veil tore from top to bottom. The way to God is now open. And thus today, the veil between God and man is the torn body of Jesus. You come to God not by jumping through religious hoops - but over His dead body! Believe in Jesus, and the door to God opens.

(Hebrews 10:21 NKJV) and having a High Priest over the house of God,

His last Will & Testament / Blot out Our Lawlessness

His last will and testament, I will write them on your hearts and minds. Christ in you, the hope of glory - the promise of glory (Col 1:27). I'll write my laws on your heart, they will be etched in your flesh for eternity, but as for your lawlessness, I will blot them out with a permanent marker, never to be seen again, for I can do that, for I am the Lord your God. You will be perfect.

That's you. He has perfected you forever because the work of salvation is complete.

Come into Holies / Ark of Failures / Covered with the Mercy Seat

Because the veil was rent, we can come into the Holy of Holies. In the Holy of Holies stood the ark of the covenant. And in the ark of the covenant are the Ten Commandments that we've broken, Aaron's rod that budded as a sign to a people who chafed under God's leadership, and a pot of manna given to a people who grumbled about God's provision. In other words, the ark held reminders of failure. But guess what. Covering the ark—hiding the broken commandments, the rod of rebellion, the manna of unthankfulness—was the mercy seat. No wonder Jesus said, "Go your way and learn of this that you might learn mercy" (see [Matthew 9:13](#)). The one course of education prescribed by Jesus is mercy because it is at the mercy seat that God meets us.

We have a High Priest interceding for us not with words on His lips, but through the wounds of His flesh.

Chapter 10 - Christ and His Sacrifice: The Animal Sacrifices are Insufficient

- The Shadow of the Son (of good things to come) – 10:1-11
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- The SPF of the Son (the Son Protection Factor) – 10:26-39

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need