

The Supremacy of Christ: In Ministry Heb 8:1-12:3

**HEBREWS: THE “BETTER” LIFE:
SHEDDING OF BLOOD
10:1-18**

Message so far...

- JESUS: BETTER IN MEDIATION [4:14-7:28]
- JESUS: BETTER IN MINISTRY [8:1-12:3]
 - 8:1-6 – introduction of 5 “betters”... all expanded
 - Better Covenant – 8:7-13
 - Better Sanctuary – 9:1-12
 - Better Sacrifices – 9:13-10:18
 - Better Promises – 10:19-12:3

Results from our Covenant

- We are given a cleansed conscience to serve God...
 - Death is inevitable, judgment is our decision...
 - Once for all sacrifice in Christ; and returns for salvation
- Better Sanctuary; Better Sacrifices; Better Offerings
- All this is in Christ and His entry to the TRUE Temple
- Author turns to why we need Jesus

Objections

- Why can't the Law/sacrifices be my answer? (10:1)
 - The Law, is a dim shadow (*skian*) of the real (Col 2:17)
 - Not the “very form” - *eikon* - (2Cor 4:4; Col 1:15)
 - Real law is written not on stone but our hearts (Isa 51:7; Jer 31:33; Ezk 11:19; 36:26-27)
- The Law can never make perfect (*teleioo*) draw near!
 - Law contained no power to keep it, only judgment (Rom 8:3,4)
 - Law offered over and over... man failed over and over
 - Repetition is not a path to perfection...

Objections

- What about sacrifices? (10:2-4)
- If offerings made perfect, then we would only need 1x!
 - The problem is the consciousness of sin
 - People knew they were sinners and imperfect before God
 - If offering worked, cleansed us; no repetition needed...
 - But rather, the sacrifice year by year reminded us of sins! (3)
 - Constant picture of the cost (*anamnesis*; Lk 22:19; 1Cor 11:24,25)

Blood of animals...

- In fact, it isn't even possible for animal blood to work!
 - They have no moral perfection in themselves!
 - They make no willful choice; so they cannot take away sin...
 - From Adam and Eve on, a serious picture given to us
 - They can only show the penalty, but not aid the perfection!
 - “take away sins...”
 - Only a willing perfect sacrifice could restore us

Is it about sacrifice?

- It is not is Sacrifice that God finds our hearts
 - This is the way of all religions – our sacrifices... good deeds
 - Ps 40:6-10 quotes... (LXX)
 - Jesus is the only ONE to complete the mission
 - There is no pleasure in offerings and symbols of love...
- We don't want symbols... we want LOVE!!!
 - It is the “THY WILL BE DONE” that makes it all happen (7,9)
 - By this we are sanctified and made HIS and holy...

To obey...

- Why is obedience such an important factor?
- Again, from Adam and Eve forward... Noah, Abram...
 - Jn 4:34; Father and Son – Jn 5:19-23; 5:30;
 - Ro 5:19 – obedience of the one- all!
 - Jn 15:14...
- Is it still important today???

To obey is better than sacrifice... Keith Green

- To obey is better than sacrifice
I don't need your money, I want your life
And I hear you say that I'm coming back soon
But you act like I'll never return

Well you speak of grace and my love so sweet
How you thrive on milk, but reject My meat
And I can't help weeping of how it will be
If you keep on ignoring My Word!
Well you pray to prosper and succeed
But your flesh is something I just can't feed

To obey is better than sacrifice
I want more than Sunday and Wednesday nights
Cause if you can't come to Me every day
Then don't bother coming at all

To obey is better than sacrifice
I want hearts of fire, Not your prayers of ice
And I'm coming quickly To give back to you
According to what you have done



<https://youtu.be/TzWyZxlwGKI>

Because He obeyed...

- Priest stand and sacrifice, but no 'taking away' occurs...
 - Our hearts remember failure; our minds convict us
 - Only with a new heart and mind can we be free (Phil 2)
- Jesus offered His sacrifice and SAT DOWN! (12)
 - There was nothing more to be done...waiting for enemies...
 - One offering "perfected for all time" – being sanctified
- Do we believe that we have this promise? (14)

The Gift...

- Jesus did what all the rituals/sacrifices could never do
 - BECAUSE it was an act of WILLING, VOLUNTARY LOVE
 - In His Eye – righteousness fulfilled in Christ...
- HS bears witness to this in our hearts (Ro 8:9-17)
 - Law in our hearts (Jer 31:33,34)
- No other offering exists... this is it!!! (18)