

Hebrews 10:1-18

“Jesus is a Better Sacrifice”

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Intro. Imagine living under the sacrificial system of the Mosaic Law. How do you think you might feel? [* Seth: God should kill a man instead of innocent animals]

Subject: Jesus' perfect sacrifice

Object: Receive and rejoice in Christ's perfect sacrifice

A. The problem of animal sacrifice [1-4]

1. Inadequate to make you perfect (right with God) [1] 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.

a. Sacrifices per Mosaic Law was a shadow that reveals the Messiah's sacrifice

i. ** The shadow is not the thing but reveals the thing

2. Inadequacy is revealed by the need to repeat yearly [2-3] For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. ³ But in those *sacrifices there is* a reminder of sins every year: If the sacrifice was adequate there would be no need to repeat

i. ** If you need to keep taking a prescription then you're not cured

ii. Every year when you make a sacrifice there is a reminder of sin and guilt

3. Inadequate to take away sins [4] For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins: animal sacrifice merely provide a covering (Kippur – covering), but don't take away sin

** Pet stains in your carpet: there is a difference between covering and taking away: Trying to cover-up, but occasional reminder of stain and odor, and need to be clean

B. The purpose of Christ's sacrifice [5-10]

1. God Himself became the perfect sacrifice [5-7] Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “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. 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. [Ps. 40:6-8 Septuagint translation]

a. Inadequate animal sacrifice was never the perfect will of God - foretold

b. a body [5], Behold, I have come [6] the incarnation

c. Gen. 22, Jn.1:29

2. God's perfect will to set-apart man to God by Messiah [8-10] 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),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.

a. God has set-apart believers to Himself through Christ's sacrifice [10] By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

i. **Once for all:** sufficient for all, but only effective for believers, no need to offer again

ii. **Lu. 22:39-44** Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane: Not my will but yours be done ...

iii. **Rev. 13:8** Jesus is the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world

Why should believers rejoice in Christ's sacrifice?

C. The perfection of Christ's sacrifice [11-18]

1. Jesus' sacrifice finished the work [11-13] 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, ¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

a. Priests stand & repeatedly sacrifice daily that cover but don't take away sin [11]

b. Cf. Jesus **seated** [12, 8:1]. Work is finished **one sacrifice for sins forever**

2. Jesus' sacrifice is perfect and perfects believers forever [14] For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified:

a. Jesus' sacrifice gives believers perfect *standing* before God by taking our penalty

b. Jesus' sacrifice gives believers perfect *peace* knowing we are set-apart to God

**** Cf. Days of Awe** between Rosh Hashanah + Yom Kippur: repentance & tradition re hope to be sealed in book of life for coming year

3. Jesus' sacrifice provides forgiveness, and begins the new covenant [15-17]

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." [Jer. 31-34]

a. No other sacrifice for sin is acceptable [18] Now where there is remission of these, *there is* no longer an offering for sin.

i. New Covenant foretold **Jer.31:31-34**. Promise of a transformed heart and mind and complete forgiveness of sin