

Hebrews: Radiance and Shadows
Lesson #12: His Radiance Outshines All “Goodness”
Hebrews 10:1-22

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Proof:

1. The awful problem in life: God is perfect, and our earthly “goodness” can’t make us perfect. (1-11)

- Earthly sacrifices are shadows, thus imperfect. (1)
- Earthly sacrifices are temporary, thus imperfect. (2, 3, 11)
(Temporary sacrifices can never take away sins.)
 - ⇒ The awful truth: God is perfect, and imperfect people will never be able to come into His presence (heaven).
 - ⇒ Why? If a good person is admitted into heaven, heaven won’t be perfect any longer!
 - ⇒ Therefore, being good or nice isn’t good enough!

2. The wonderful solution for eternity: Jesus is perfect, and only His perfect sacrifice can make us perfect. (12-18)

- Jesus’ sacrifice is holy, thus perfect. (10)
- Jesus’ sacrifice is once-for-all, thus perfect. (10)
 - ⇒ The wonderful truth: Jesus’ sacrifice is perfect, and imperfect people are made perfect forever when they are covered by His sacrifice! (13)
 - ⇒ So a Christian is perfectly forgiven forever, and now can be admitted into a perfect heaven!

3. The beautiful visualization: The curtain is now open, so we can draw near to the perfect God. (19-20)

- The curtain separated the Most Holy Place. (Ex 26:33)
- The curtain was torn when Jesus died. (Mt 27:51)
- The curtain was a shadow of Jesus’ perfect body, through whom we can now pass into God’s presence! (20)
 - ⇒ Amazingly, in Christ we can now draw near to God. (22)
 - ⇒ Wonderfully, in Christ we are priests! (1 Pet 2:9)

Conclusion:

- A good person is a ----- Good-ian.
- A nice person is a ----- Nice-ian.
- A forgiven person is a --- Christ-ian.