

A BETTER SACRIFICE

Hebrews 10:1-18

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Introduction: We are living in a time of performance-based Christianity. That somehow, we have to perform and work in order to please God. To pay for our sins by our performance of living a good life.

The writer of Hebrews talks about the better sacrifice over the old covenant. The Sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

I. The Inadequacy of the Old Covenant (1-4)

-The sacrifice under the old covenant was just a foretaste of the reality that was to come when Jesus came and died on the cross for us.

-The fact that it had to be repeated proved fact that the old covenant was incapable of dealing with the tyranny and power of sin in our life. If it could it would not have to be repeated so many times.

II. The Incarnation of the Messiah (5-9)

A. Sacrifice (5-6)

-All these animal sacrifices and special offerings were made to gain God's approval for their lives.

-The work of salvation for your souls is a total work of God.

-God is not pleased when we get on the performance syndrome.

-God came down hard on the people of Israel under old covenant because they attempted to buy his approval with their performance and even in their worship.

-Isaiah 1:11, Jeremiah 6:20, Hosea 6:6, Amos 5:21-22, Micah 6:6

B. Submission (7,9)

-Coming to God without your agenda.

-Signing a blank sheet of paper and asking God to fill it in.

-Jesus submitted himself to the sovereign will of God, which was to die.

C. Substitute (9)

-God dealt with people one way under the old covenant, which is now gone. We should not bring it back and revive it.

-The writer says the old is set aside and the new has come. Don't revert back to the old, it does not work. We are saved by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross ALONE!

III. The Incomparable Sacrifice of Jesus (10-14)

Sanctified- Perfect participle with a finite verb. It shows the believer is in a fixed permanent position. Made holy by the blood of Jesus, from God's perspective instantaneous.

-From our perspective we are spending our time trying to make our practice to live up to our position, but from God's perspective we will never be more holy in the site of God.

-We have been set free from the power of sin, the penalty of sin and one day from the practice of sin.

-Your performance cannot clean your life up! It is all rooted in the cross of Jesus.

V.13- All sacrifices in the Old Testament did nothing to get rid of Satan. Jesus sacrifice reached down to the put of hell.

-A day is coming when the grossest of enemies of the Lord will bow to the name of the Lord.

-You will call Him Lord now voluntarily or you will call Him Lord later involuntarily.

IV. The Ideal Covenant (15-18)

V.16- In the new covenant it is the relationship that counts, not how many brownie points you can rack up in a day.

V.18- Jesus sacrifices on the cross ended all sacrifice.

-Gone yes, my sins are gone now my soul is free and in my heart is a song. Buried in the deepest sea, yes that's good enough for me, I shall live eternally praise God my sins are GONE.

-The sacrifice is done, all that is left is for you to receive the gift.