

The Book of Hebrews

Chapter 10 verses 1 – 10 - Pastor Charles A. Hall – September 15th, 2022

Chapter 10 verse 1 to 10 The focus point of discussion in these verses of chapter 10 is that Jesus Christ is a once for all sacrifice. The first point of truth concerning the once for all sacrifice is highlighted by contrast, the need for a repetitious sacrifice each year for service by the Mosaic system. On the other hand, the sacrifice that Christ offered up was a one-time sacrifice and is made complete by His continuing position and priesthood role as our intermediary who is seated on the right hand of God.

1. For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.
 - The unknown author is pointing out in this verse that the old law was just a shadow of the reality of the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ, which was perfect, in contrast the imperfect and inadequate sacrifice by the law required repeating every year.
2. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.
 - This verse points out the reality of the difference between the sacrifice offered by law, and that of Jesus Christ. If the sacrifice by law had been perfect, it would have ceased and would have not been necessary to do every year. Had the sacrifice offer by the law been effective the worshippers would have a conscience free of sin.
3. But in those sacrifices, there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.
 - The sacrifices offered by the law and made on behalf of the priests and the people provided temporary forgiveness, but it did not cleanse them, thus the sin was remembered and had to be purged again each year with a blood sacrifice.
4. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.
 - The reason the sacrifice was repeated each year is because the blood of a bull or goat is not perfect and cannot cleanse nor purge sin.
5. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:
 - Since the blood of an animal would not take away sin, and did not accomplish anything beyond a ritual purification, God no longer accepted this sacrifice. It was prophesied that the Messiah (Liberator or Savior) would come and do God's will.
 - Psalm 40:6-8
6. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.
 - God was no longer interested in burnt offering, nor blood sacrifices that did not take away sin.

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7. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.
 - This verse written by King David, reflects the words of Jesus Christ, which states that He was written about in the scroll (the bible) about 700 years before he was manifested in the flesh, that He would be coming, and coming to do the will of God the father.
8. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;
 - This verse represents a confirmation from an earlier verse that God no longer accepted the imperfect burn offering, and blood sacrifice, nor did He take pleasure in them even though they were offered in accordance with the law.
9. Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.
 - This verse confirms that Jesus Christ came into the world to do the will of the Father, to do away with the old covenant, and to establish the new covenant.
10. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
 - This verse is a follow on from the prior verse and states that by the establishing of the new covenant by the offering of His body, Christ sanctified (consecrated or set aside) the believer once and forever.
 - John 17:19