

*The Letter to the Hebrews:
Chapter 10*

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“...Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice....”

I Sam 15:22-23

Behold the Lamb of God that TAKETH AWAY the sin of the world.” John 1:29

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Inadequacy of the OT sacrificial system:

- v.1 the sacrifices under the Old Covenant couldn't make “perfect” those who draw near
- v. 2 the sacrifices under the law couldn't remove the consciousness of sin (guilt)
- v.3 the sacrifices just served to remind them of their sins!
- v.4 the blood of bulls & goats can't take away sins

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“Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired; My ears You have opened; burnt offering and sin offering You have not required. Then I said, ‘Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of Me. I delight to do Your will, O my God....”

Ps 40:6-8

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"The Lord GOD has opened My ear;
and I was not disobedient, nor did I turn
back." Isaiah 50:5

"I gave My back to those who strike Me,
and My cheeks to those who pluck out
the beard; I did not cover My face from
humiliation and spitting." Isaiah 50:6

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"This is the very spirit of what our Lord chose
to do...in passing out Psalm 40 into the Greek
language...the Spirit of God...saw to it that the
type was here set before us in its fulfillment, so
that Christ's prophetic word, 'Ears has Thou
digged [KJV] for Me' becomes in the book of
Hebrews...'a body didst Thou prepare for Me.'"
Wm R Newell

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Our obligations to God & to one another:

- v.19-22 "Let us draw near."
- v.23 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope."
- v.25 Let us "not forsake our own assembling
together...but encourage one another."
 - "...and all the more as you see the day drawing
near." Heb 10:25b
 - Lk 18:8 "...when the Son of Man comes, will He
find faith on the earth?"

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v.27 "judgment" = KRISIS
"...he who hears My Word and believes Him
who sent Me HAS eternal life and *does not*
come into judgment [KRISIS]." John 5:24
KRISIS= judgment, condemnation, damnation;
eternal punishment

not BEMA = "judgment seat of Christ" = where
believers receive rewards based on deeds
Rom 14:10 & II Cor 5:10

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- “trample under foot the Son of God” = walk over Him with disregard for His value: the Person of the Son of God.
- “regard as unclean the blood of the covenant” = view it as “unclean” or common: the work of the Son of God.
- “insult the Spirit of Grace” = ignoring His conviction and His invitation: the Person of the Holy Spirit.

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Reminds them of past faithfulness:

- v.32 your salvation
- v.32-33 being willing to suffer
- v.34 supporting prisoners
- v.35 standing firm, even joyfully

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v.36 “you have need of endurance”
HUPOMONE = lit. “abiding under”
enduring under pressure

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Lessons from Hebrews 10:

1. The animal sacrifices of the OT did NOT take away sin. Heb 10:4,11; Rom 4:3
2. Christ fulfilled the OT “shadow” by offering Himself as “one sacrifice for sins for all time.” Heb 10:12,14; 9:12,25-28
3. Christ provided access to God and invites us to draw near. Heb 10:19-22

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Lessons from Hebrews 10:

4. Believers have a responsibility to other believers:
 - To hold on to our faith. Heb 10:23
 - To spur other believers to love and good deeds. Heb 10:24
 - To meet together with other believers and encourage each other. Heb 10:25
 - To endure hardship for the faith. Heb 10:32-36

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Lessons from Hebrews 10:

5. Stern warning: To continue to reject Christ will lead to eternal judgment. Heb 10:26-31
6. He is coming again “in a very little while!” Heb 10:37

Are you ready for His return?

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