

Studies in Hebrews



Lesson XV

Text: Chapter 10, verses 1-22 (NKJV)

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. **2** 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. **4** For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

5 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.’”^[a]

8 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. **10** By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 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. **14** For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

15 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,”^[b] **17** then He adds, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”^[c] **18** Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, **20** by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, **21** and having a High Priest over the house of God, **22** let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Footnotes: a. Psalm 40:68 b. Jeremiah 31:33 c. Jeremiah 31:34

Questions for Group Discussion

1. What “good things to come” is verse 1 referring to?
2. What were the inherent limitations of Law of Moses and its sacrificial system? (vv. 1-4)
3. If sacrifices and offerings were not the *be-all-end-all*, how else could the demands of a holy God to be met? What was God’s redemptive master plan? (vv. 5-10)
4. How effective was Jesus’ sacrifice under the second covenant, compared to the animal sacrifices under first covenant? (vv. 11-18)
5. How does our relationship with God through Christ contrast with Israel’s relationship with God through Moses? (vv. 19-22)
6. God wants you and I to d____n____ to him in f____ a _____ of f____ (vs. 22a) Just what does that mean, practically speaking?

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