

HEBREWS 10:1-39

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1. Up to this point in our study, we have seen that Jesus is superior to prophets, angels, Moses and priests. In chapters 9 and 10, we discover Jesus is the superior sacrifice. While Old Testament sacrifices to God were unable to completely atone for sin, Jesus' sacrifice secured total forgiveness and sanctification for those who trust in Him. Read Hebrews 10:1-4 and list the reasons the Old Testament sacrificial system under the law was inadequate.

What are some of the inadequate sacrifices people make today which they believe will atone for their sins?

What does Ephesians 2:8-9 teach us about striving to win salvation?

Reread Hebrews 10:1. One reason the Old Testament law was necessary was it foreshadowed good things to come in the future. How is this true when considering the sacrificial system? Also read Leviticus 17:11 with 1 Peter 1:18-20 for insights.

2. Hebrews 10:5-7 introduces the reader to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus. He fulfilled the prophecy of Psalm 40. Read Psalm 40:6-7 along with Hebrews 10:5-7. Then read Isaiah 1:11-17 and summarize the reasons God was not happy with the sacrifices of Israel.

God always had a plan to redeem mankind. What do we learn about His plans for Jesus in Hebrews 10:5-7? Also read Philippians 2:8.

Compare the words of Christ in Hebrews 10:5-7 with the words of angels that announced His arrival on earth from Luke 2:8-14. What more do we learn about God's plans for His Son?

What one word in Luke 2:11 sums up Jesus' purpose for entering our world?

3. Read Hebrews 10:8-10 for more explanation about Jesus' desire to do God's will on earth. What is the result of Jesus' submission to God's will and what did He offer to complete it?

Look up the definition of sanctification and record it here along with some words that describe your heartfelt reaction to this gift from God.

4. Unlike Christ who offered a single sacrifice for all, the priests offered continual sacrifices. Read Hebrews 10:11-14. What did Jesus accomplish with one sacrifice, which the priests could never accomplish with many sacrifices?
5. Read Hebrews 10:15-18 where we learn about the wonderful realities of the New Covenant, which are superior to the Old Covenant of the law. These realities were prophesied in Jeremiah and declared by God. The Old Covenant laws were written on stone. What do you think it means that God has now placed His laws within our hearts and minds?

Share what you have learned about the difference of obeying God out of obligation versus obeying God when His Spirit moves your heart and mind.

6. Summarize other incredible truths of the New Covenant from verses 17-18.

Finish this sentence with one word: The New Covenant brought new _____ . There could be many different words in this blank!

7. Read Hebrews 10:19-22. Only the high priest was allowed to go beyond the curtain and enter the Holy of Holies once a year, and not without bringing sacrificial blood. To be in this place was to be in the presence of God. These verses tell us the curtain that once stood as a barrier between man and God is no longer so. Read Matthew 27:45-51 and record how this happened.

What else did Jesus' sacrifice accomplish for us according to Hebrews 10:19-22?

8. Hebrews 10:23-25 explains some of the important responsibilities that follow our faith. What are they?

In what specific ways has spiritual community helped you to hold fast the confession of your faith?

9. The next verses bring a serious warning to believers who choose to ignore God's Word and willfully sin. Read Hebrews 10:26-31. What words or phrases does the author use to emphasize the seriousness of this warning?

10. Read Hebrews 10:32-39. What encouragement do you find in this passage when you look back on trials you have endured with God's help?

How did these believers persevere through great difficulties according to verse 34b?

Read John 14:1-3. What are the plans our sacrificial Savior has for us?

11. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

BORN TO DIE

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A NATION IN THE SHADOWS

10:1-4

OLD COVENANT- Mosaic Law, external promises of national protection, prosperity, power

The Law birthed the sacrificial system, the priesthood, sacred rites and ceremonies.

The Old Covenant _____ the way and revealed our need for a New Covenant.

Jesus was the 'good things to come' that secured our _____ forgiveness of sins.

Every animal sacrifice was a shadow of the ultimate sacrifice that was on the way.

In Jesus, we have the substance of all that the symbols set forth.

We must step out from the shadows of truth, to pursue the deeper truths of Christ.

A CHILD BRINGS AN OFFERING

10:5-18

NEW COVENANT- Christ's Law, internal promises of His Spirit, salvation, total forgiveness

Jesus came from Heaven obediently offering His own body as the final sacrifice for our sins.

Through Christ's death, New Covenant worshipers are sanctified to serve God without guilt.

The New Covenant is not about external works _____ God, but internal works _____ God.

Jesus was born to die. We are born again, to die to self and live for Him.

A PEOPLE IN THE LIGHT

10:19-39

Under the New Covenant, believers gather from every nation to become His holy church.

We join the church in faith, by walking through the curtain of Jesus' sacrifice.

Cleansed by the blood of Jesus, together we live a life of _____ and _____.

We come together for the purpose of sacrificial love, good works, and encouragement.

God Himself has the right to judge those who _____ sin after knowing truth.

As members of Christ's body, it is our job to bring out the best in each other.

KEY: prepared, permanent, for, of, confidence, community, deliberately

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EXODUS 19:5-6 “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

JEREMIAH 31:34 “And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

GALATIANS 3:24-26 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

JOHN 10:17-18 “For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

MATTHEW 16:24-25 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

1 JOHN 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

MATTHEW 27:45-51 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

EPHESIANS 4:1-3 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.