

Letter to the **Hebrews**



Lesson 10-The Great Sacrifice

Focus: Hebrews 10:1-18

- **The Types and Shadows could not truly cleanse us, but Christ Jesus could (v.1-4)**
 - *The “Law,” that is the writings given through Moses which declared many regulations for sacrificial worship, etc. could not actually make the comers thereunto perfectly clean. If they had done such, then no more offerings would have had to be made. But, other offerings were in fact made. This showed us that sin was still with man, and those earthly sacrifices could NOT be the full end of sins, or the full purifying from sins. They were only **types and shadows, but the real thing—the real saving power—that was pointed to all along was Christ—the Messiah who was coming!** Paul dealt with this very same idea in his letter to the Colossians—again, this is another place where we see a connection between the Theology in the Letters of Paul and this book of Hebrews. Take a look at **Colossians 2:13-17**. The meat and drink offerings which Colossians mentions (see also Heb. 9:9,10), the yearly holy days, and new moons with their sacrificial offerings, the yearly Sabbath days (not the weekly one from the perfect Creation or from the Ten Commandments) (See Leviticus 23) were all part of that system and they foreshadowed Christ. They were “...**a shadow of things to come**” (Col. 2:17), “...but the body is of Christ.” Here in Hebrews Paul (or, the author) says “the law” “having a **shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things**” (Heb. 10:1) could not fully perfect or make clean those who were coming to God in that way. **There was a greater work that needed to be accomplished!** Those continual, daily, and even yearly things were just pointing us forward to the greater things in Christ Jesus!*
- **The mere offerings animal offerings were not what God ultimately wanted (v.5-10)**
 - *Only the offering of the Son of God, “the lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev. 13:8) could bring our true cleansing and purifying! His blood not only covers the lives of those living in the gospel age, but also the lives of those who were before the cross, looking forward by faith to the coming of the Messiah!*
 - *The offerings of old were a “sweet smelling savor” to God (Exodus 29:41). However, that was only because people were looking to Him by faith for forgiveness. Ultimately, that was not what God desired. **The prophets pointed us forward to something even greater! That is the body of our Lord Jesus Christ! His life for our lives!** God’s life for His creatures lives! This was the expression of His Divine love and care for us! He would give even His own life to save us from our sinful wretched selves! If only we would come to know and to love Him and to serve Him freely from our own hearts! The body of Christ which was bruised fulfilled the prophecy and promise to mankind which is found in **Genesis 3:15** and brought salvation to man while bringing a crushing blow of doom to*

*the head of Satan who accused God of being unfair or unjust. **Isaiah prophesied of the pleasing offering of the Messiah's life in the 53rd chapter of his book (See Isaiah 53:10).***

- *Psalm 40:6-8 were here quoted to show that God was not desiring merely the animal offerings, but actually He was desiring the life of His son—the Messiah—who was going to come into the world and who would take away our sins (See also **Isaiah 53:4-6**).*
- **Christ is our all sufficient sacrifice and intercessor forever! (v.11-18)**
 - *(v.11-13) Here Paul points us to the Psalms again, Psalm 110:1.*
 - *The Lord wants to Remember our sins and our lawless deeds no more! By the great mercy and work of His Son, God will “cast our sins into the depths of the sea!” Only ponder the incredible forgiveness offered to us through the Son of God, and do not ever let it slip from you, but take hold of it now and today! Make use of it and live for eternity with God!*
 - *There are many wonderful promises all throughout the Bible on the great and incredible forgiveness of God (See Isaiah 1:18; Micah 7:18, 19; Rev. 22:17; 3:20, etc.).*
 - *It was by His love that He died for us. **Christ takes us out of our life of sin, by His great love and saving power, and He cleanses and purifies our lives!** (1 John 4:10,19; Jeremiah 31:3; Ephesians 2:1-6)*

Question (s) for the Heart:

Would you like to receive the forgiveness and cleansing blood of Jesus in your life and to have peace with God?_____