

Hebrews 10.1-18

Lovers take lots of Pictures

One THERMOMETER of LOVE in Today's World is the PHOTO COUNT

Recently heard someone say they had 10,000 pictures of their CAT!

People visit Parks Not Just to See Park – But BE SEEN in Park in their Pictures

Even Better when their PICS go VIRAL so Whole World can Enjoy Them!

As I ride Subways I confirm the Truth of Whitney Houston ballad...

“I found the greatest love of all
 Inside of me
 The greatest love of all
 Is easy to achieve
 Learning to love yourself
 It is the greatest love of all”

Whitney Houston, “Greatest Love of All”

1000's on SUBWAYS taking Pictures of Themselves Experiencing that LOVE!

Writer to Hebrews CAPTURED by ANOTHER Love

PASSION has been TRANSFIXED by Picture Proclaimed by John the Baptist

“Look! The Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world!” John 1.29

From Chapter 1 been Telling us about this Love in 3 words “Jesus is Better”

By 10th Chapter some of You may be BORED – but Writer is still HOT w/ Zeal

Realizes Song of Heaven begins on Earth “Worthy is the Lamb” Starts NOW

As Turn Page New Chptr Hebrews > Hope you're still wanting MORE of Jesus

GLORY of His Love and Sacrifice will Sparkle in New Setting of this Text

Letter written by CONCERNED PASTOR to DRIFTING Hebrew Christians

Probably POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC Pressures Pushing Them

At that Moment in History – SAFER in SYNAGOGUE than in CHURCH

JEWISH Man named JESUS is ONLY Hope & Savior > All Ways BETTER!

Hebrews 10 BEGINS w/ PROBLEM...Law of Moses cannot make Sin Go Away

1. Reminder of Sins

a. **Weary** v. 1 the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year
Sacrifices **PRESCRIBED** by God thru Moses been Offered for 1000 years
GOD Fearing Hebrews Splattered themselves with **BLOOD** Again & Again

COSTLY and **COMPLICATED** > But it **WAS** the **ONLY** Way to God
Book of Hebrews **NOT** Study of **COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS** > Very Narrow
RELIGIONS of World – Noble Traditions, Devout Followers > Not Lead to God
ALL Other Religions > **SAME** Premise “I can **DO IT**” – Prayers, Fasting, Ritual
No **MAN-INVENTED** Religion has **LADDER** Tall Enough to Climb to Heaven

...by implication the same judgment “impossible” is written over every other religious system as a means of present forgiveness and eternal salvation...The religious pluralism of contemporary society, with its competitive ideas of salvation, must not be allowed to obscure the distinctiveness and assurance of the Christian gospel. New life for all is in Christ alone Raymond Brown

GOD of **BIBLE** > Nothing we **DO** Save Ourselves, Please God, Atone for Sin
your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear Isaiah 59.2

ONLY Way to Find God is if He **REVEALS** Himself > He did to Abe > **ISRAEL**
Jesus: “we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews” John 4.22

By God’s **DESIGN** - as we Learn in Verse 1 – Law is **SHADOW**, Temporary
v. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
Sacrificial SYSTEM – Not **BUILT** to Last Forever > Planned **OBSOLESCENCE**

Not only were WORSHIPPERS Weary – ONE they Worship WEARY TOO!

v. 8 “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings”

AT Least NOT the Way they have been DISTORTED by MANY in ISRAEL

Sacrifice: Ritual to Maintain RELATIONSHIP, Ritual became Only Relationship

When Babylonians POISED to Destroy JUDAH – Forsook their PROTECTOR

“What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. “When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts? Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me.”

Isaiah 1.11-13

GOD brought them BACK from EXILE – Returned to EMPTY RITUAL

“When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts....Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand”

Malachi 1.8,10

God’s LAMENT – Shut Doors – 500 yrs Later Roman Armies destroyed Temple

But GOD-FEARING Jew knew MUST BE Something MORE...

b. Wondering v. 1 the law has but a shadow of the good things to come,

Hebrews LIFTS High Old Covenant – God-Appointed way to Find Him 1000 yrs

2000 yrs BEFORE Jesus born ABRAHAM Saw Him

Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” Genesis 22.13,14

Another Great HERO of Old Covenant, Something Impossible in Law of Moses

David: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.”

Psalm 51.10-12

DAVID! Moses says he DESERVES 2-Counts of DEATH PENALTY!

How did man who COMMITTED High-Handed INTENTIONAL SINS

ADULTERY & MURDER – Have such an INTIMATE Relationship with GOD

Understood COVENANT was about Relationship – Man after God’s HEART

His PSALMS become SONG-BOOK of WHOLE Bible > David GOT IT!

What happened to DAVID would ONE DAY happen to ALL who are in Christ

I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Ezekiel 36.26,27

From BEGINNING this New Covenant was ULTIMATE Intention of GOD

Calvin: Helpful ILLUSTRATION of ARTIST who does Sketch before Painting

“things of the law were like the rough outlines which are the foreshadowing of the living picture. Before they put the true colours with paint, artists ususally draw an outline in pencil of the representation which they intend” John Calvin

v. 9 He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

2. Redeemer and Sacrifice

a. Fulfilled Scripture

v. 5 when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired

SHADOW of Christ is Cast Across ALL of Hebrew Scripture

What a high place this gives Scripture! Our pre-incarnate Savior quoted Psalm 40 as being prophetic of his thoughts at his human birth. Kent Hughes

Jesus tells SCHOLARS of ISRAEL..

Jesus: “the Scriptures...it is they that bear witness about me” John 5.39

On EASTER AFTERNOON He led a Bible Study...

“beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself” Luke 24.27

Jesus in ALL Hebrew Scriptures – Not just few Verses – He is Author & Subject

Don't have Audio of Easter Afternoon Study > Have NOTES – N.T.

Sermons in Acts, Letters of Apostles, HEBREWS > Christ is KEY to O.T.

He is REASON we call it the OLD Testament > He is what's NEW!

v. 7 as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’

v. 8 When he said above...

v. 9 then he added

Not clear if Writer to Hebrews talking about DAVID or JESUS? Answer YES!

ALL of Psalms MESSIANIC > Speak ABOUT Jesus AND are Jesus Speaking

v. 15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying...

NOT Just that He Spoke in PAST: Living Spirit, Living Word, to Living Church

Right Here, Right Now – Holy Spirit can SPEAK Truth of Gospel to your Heart

I PRAY you Now have Witness of Spirit > Work of Son > Words of Scripture

“*Sovereign Lord*, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who through the *mouth of our father David*, your servant, said by the *Holy Spirit*, “Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?...” Acts 4.24,25

b. Fashioned to Sacrifice v. 5 a body have you prepared for me

In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear.
Psalm 40.6

Hebrews > GREEK Septuagint – Greek Translation of HEBREW Scriptures

Translates “ear” as BODY > What gets your EAR, gets your WHOLE SELF!

May Point to Exodus 24 – Slave’s Ear Pierced if wants to Serve Master for LIFE
ANIMAL was DRAGGED to Sacrifice – JESUS DELIGHTS in Serving / Saving
v. 7 ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God

ONLY Acceptable SACRIFICE to GOD is OBEDIENCE > Jesus had NO SIN
He SWEAT Drops of BLOOD Praying “YOUR Will be DONE”

v. 9 “Behold, I have come to do your will.”

SACRIFICE given to GOD Meant Nothing WITHOUT OBEDIENCE

God is looking for RELATIONSHIP Not RITUAL

ONLY one who can be MEDIATOR is HIS BELOVED SON

v. 10 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

ANGEL told JOSEPH “you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1.21

SHADOW of His CROSS loomed over His CRADLE > BORN to DIE

People complain that the doctrine of predestination makes us puppets... There was never a man whose life was so scripted for him as Jesus... not only predestined but also prerecorded in minute detail. Yet his obedience to that script was anything but mechanical. Here was the divine Son of God in the flesh, the freest of all men ever born.
Richard Phillips

c. Finished Sin

When DISCIPLES brought TAKE OUT back to Well where Jesus talking to Samaritan WOMAN he said...

“My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work”

John 4.34

THEN as He gave up His Life on Cross He Declared... “It is Finished” John 19.30

v. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

v. 14 See BOTH Once for All AND Day by Day SANCTIFICATION

Something more is achieved by Christ’s death than the removal of guilt. We have been sanctified...It is actually done. Our sanctification is perfectly accomplished by Christ for all time.

Raymond Brown

Strive for...the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12.14

Holiness GIVEN to us BY Christ we must GROW IN WITH Christ

Paul emphasizes being made RIGHT with God – JUSTIFICATION

Hebrews declares we are CLEAN before God – RENEWED Conscience

v.18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

The priest of the Old Testament stands timid and uneasy in the holy place, anxiously performing his awful service there, and hastening to depart when the service is done, as from a place where he has no free access, can never feel at home; whereas Christ sits down in everlasting rest and blessedness at the right hand of Majesty in the holy of holies, His work accomplished, and He awaiting its reward.

Franz Delitzsch

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin 1 Peter 4.1

d. Fate of Sinners

vs. 12,13 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

Instead of OBEYING Gracious Invitation become PURIFIED WORSHIPPERS
Some Hebrews – Some Here – Some Homelands REJECT KINDNESS of GOD

Some DROWNING Men Laugh at Lifeguard who Risked Life to Save Them

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Hebrews 10.26,27

3. Relationship with the Savior

I hope you SEE how Hebrews is an Expository Sermon

Quotes OT Texts Not as Proof Texts but as MAIN Points > Comments/Applies

Good Example > Sermons in Christian Church should be Exposition of Scripture

Circles back to Jeremiah 31 > Promise of New Covenant, makes 2 Points...

a. Inside

v. 16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds”

This was what WENT WRONG with Old Covenant > EXTERNAL RITUALS

Biblical Faith is from INSIDE Out > New HEART seen in New HOLINESS

God must give NEW HEART > With God we PARTNER to Live in Holiness

Many Christians in NEW COVENANT think Faith is about RITUALS

Congregation like Ours has it ALL – Saints and Seekers – Some Alive, Asleep!

Most of us BROUGHT our SINS & STRUGGLES into this HOT ROOM!

Maybe it was LAST NIGHT – Went Somewhere you NOW REGRET
 SAID Something HURTFUL to Someone you Care About – Hurts Them & You
 Maybe HIDING Something from SPOUSE, SMALL GROUP --- NOT God!
 Too much EATING or DRINKING or SOMETHING?
 God knows what is BEHIND our CHURCH SMILES

ISSUE NOT if we are SINNERS – Surely we ARE, You and God Know THAT
 IMPORTANT ISSUE – What will you do?

Follow Example of Hebrew Christians – Rituals, Traditions, Ceremonies

Our Case – RITUALS of Sunday Morning – AMEN’s and How Do You DO?
 OR Get Real with God in RELATIONSHIP? RETURN, REPENT, RESTORED
 Writer to Hebrews > CHOICE > Living Faith or DEAD Tradition

Our NEW Covenant HEART pumps LIFE in Us > Fully ALIVE to God in Christ
 Like Jesus we can say, “Behold, I have come to do your will, O God!”

v. 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts
 sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly
 Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of
 the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the
 spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new
 covenant
 Hebrews 12.22-24

...Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the
 Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2.20

b. Outside v. 17 “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

God doesn’t just forgive, he forgets. He erases the board. He destroys the
 evidence. He burns the micro-film. He clears the computer. Max Lucado

The once of Christ's work is the secret of its being forever: the more clear the acceptance of that divine once for all, the more sure the experience of that divine forever... His forever is one of victory, and of the blessed expectation of its full manifestation.

Andrew Murray

BORN AGAIN to begin LONG MARCH with JESUS... Like Abraham...

Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. Hebrews 11.8-10

Come to END of MAIN DOCTRINAL Section of Hebrews

Wonderful APPLICATION and EXAMPLES in Final Chapters for our Growth

My Prayer is that your HEART has been Captured by One Infinitely BETTER

I hope HE has won your HEART > that Jesus FILLS your PHOTO Library

See Him in Shadows of Old Covenant – Priests, Sacrifices, Veil, Sabbath

See Him Now in Victorious over Death, Enthroned in Power, Praying for YOU

Everything points to him; everything is found in and with him; everything for us comes from him and draws us to him as his people, his own reward for obedience to the will of the Father.

Richard Phillips

Hebrews 10.¹For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ²Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” ⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.