

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.

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Hebrews

The Preeminence of Jesus Christ

Lesson #13: The Permanent Sacrifice

INTRODUCTION

If Christ's sacrifice covers future sins, why not continue sinning? Rom 6:1; 8:1

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Read Hebrews 10:1-18

Note: It is estimated that during Passover as many as 300,000 lambs would be slain in one week. Blood ran out of the temple ground through specially prepared channels into the Brook of Kidron, which appeared to be running with blood.

1. What is the shadow that the author talks about in verse 1? Col 2:16-17
2. What is the real object that the shadow is made from?

Note: Why were the animal sacrifices so ineffective in removing sin? Animal sacrifices could never remove sin because they were never intended to take away sin. They were intended to foreshadow Jesus, who would later come to die to take away the sins of believers. Only the death of the perfect God-man could take away sin. The psalmist had grasped centuries earlier that "the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise" (Ps. 51:17). God accepted the perfect sacrifice of Christ because it represented a broken, contrite expression of obedience to his will.¹

3. Considering that the Jews saw the sacrifices done over and over, what may have been their thoughts about the arrangement of the Old Covenant? What benefits of the New Covenant would they have anticipated, both those detailed in this chapter of Hebrews and in the rest of the Scriptures? Vs. 12
4. What does Christ say was His mission?
5. What is the significance of the priest standing (vs. 11) and Christ standing? Vs. 12
6. How are Christians already made perfect while still in the process of being made holy? Vs. 10
Rom 6:22-23; 1 Thes 4:3
7. If the law is written into Christians' hearts, why do we still sin? Jer 31:33-34 What difference does that make to God?

Note: Our salvation is both a finished project and an ongoing process. Through faith in Jesus, God made us right with Him; and by the power of His Spirit, He enables us to become more like the Jesus whose righteousness we received.²

8. Why do some people preach salvation by Christ's example (social issues, politics, philosophy, moral issues, etc) rather than salvation by Christ's blood (sacrifice)? 1 Cor 2:2

APPLICATION

In your spiritual pilgrimage, when did you realize that you would never be perfect (still sin) but that is "OK". What difference does Christ's provision for your shortcomings make in your daily Christian walk? Ps 51

¹ Lea, T. D. (1999). *Vol. 10: Hebrews, James*. Holman New Testament Commentary (183). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

² Stanley, C. F. (2005). *The Charles F. Stanley life principles Bible: New King James Version* (Heb 10:14). Nashville, TN: Nelson Bibles.