



Jesus' Better Sacrifice and His Better Perfection • Part 1

Lesson Thirty-Two • Hebrews 10:1-10

BETTER MEDIATOR Like Melchizedek 7:1-28	BETTER MINISTRY in Heaven 8:1-6	BETTER COVENANT with Better Promises 8:7-13	BETTER SANCTUARY Not Made by Man 9:1-14	BETTER SACRIFICE Himself Once for All Time 9:15-28	BETTER PERFECTION by Christ's Sacrifice 10:1-18
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A **SON Made Perfect Forever** ENTERS God's Presence to **SIT & SERVE** as a **PRIEST-KING** with a **Better Ministry** according to a **Better Covenant** in a **Better Sanctuary** by a **Better Sacrifice** for a **Better Perfection!**

Another **PIVOT** Passage in the Sermon-Letter to the Hebrew Christians

10:1-18 is the **conclusion** to the doctrinal instruction (4:14 / 7:1 / 8:7-9:28) and the **transition** to the practical application in the third and final major section (10:19-13:25).

Jesus' Better Sacrifice in Relation to...		
9:15-22	9:23-28	10:1-18
the Better Covenant Again!	the Better Sanctuary Again!	the Results of His Better Sacrifice: Perfection of His Waiting Worshipers!

Jesus' Better Sacrifice and His Better Covenant | Hebrews 9:15-22

Jesus' better sacrifice makes Him the Mediator of the New (Second) Covenant, cleanses sins of OT believers under the broken Old (First) Covenant and satisfies the curse of death required by Old Covenant.

Jesus' Better Sacrifice and His Better Sanctuary | Hebrews 9:23-28

Jesus' better sacrifice purifies the pathway into the heavenly sanctuary and completed His priestly sacrifice once for all time.

How Are All These "Good Things to Come" and "Better Promises" Being Fulfilled?

The perfected High Priest has perfected us as His waiting worshipers by His obedient blood sacrifice!

What Does Perfected Mean Again?

A personal purity with priestly privileges to enter God's holy presence like firstborn sons and believer priests!

Jesus' Better Sacrifice and His Better Perfection | Hebrews 10:1-18

1. The **INSUFFICIENCY** of the Law's Repeated Sacrifices to Perfect Worshipers. (1-4)

The repeated animal sacrifices were a sea of blood that constantly reminded the sinful worshiper that Someone and Something better is coming!

- Repeated sacrifices under the Law were a **SHADOW** of the actual good things to come. (v. 1a)

What is the Law?

What is a "shadow" versus the "very form"?

What are the "good things to come"? New Covenant promises **FULFILLED** and believers **PERFECTED** as worshipers.

The better promises of the New Covenant progressively fulfilled in our Perfected King- Priest that results in believers being perfected as worshipers who have been cleansed and given access to God's holy presence!

- Repeated sacrifices could never **PERFECT** those who drew near to worship and fully remove sin internally. (vv. 1b-2)

What is the goal of worship? Being perfected so that one could have the **personal purity, priestly purity, and purposeful purity** to enter directly into the God's presence in the Holy of Holies!

What was the proof OT sacrifices could never perfect the OT worshipper? Their **CONTINUAL** repetition!
“by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year”

Definition of insanity: *Doing the same thing over and over while expecting different results!*

- Repeated sacrifices were a continual **REMINDER** of our sin and the need for an obedient, sinless human sacrifice. (vv. 3-4)

2. The **SUFFICIENCY** of Jesus Christ's Sacrificial Obedience to Perfect Worshipers. (5-18)

“Therefore, When He comes into the world, He says...”

Verses 5-18 expound on **Psalm 40:6-8** to emphasize a **different aspect of Christ's sacrificial death: His active obedience** as the Son of God before His incarnation **as well as His active obedience as the Son of Man** from His conception all the way to His crucifixion!

3 Reasons Why Christ's Sacrificial Obedience Is Sufficient to Perfect Worshipers!

- Sacrificial obedience is sufficient to **PLEASE** God not mere shadows with animal blood. (vv. 5-7)

Why Does God Require What He Does Not Desire?

1. Animal sacrifices were continual *reminder* of our sin and the need for an obedient, sinless human sacrifice.
2. Animal sacrifices were never meant to **REPLACE** whole-hearted obedience to God.

Saul and His Disqualification as the First King of Israel.

1 Samuel 15:21-24; see also Isaiah 1:10-18; Micah 6:6-8; Jeremiah 7:21-28; Psalm 51:15-17; Hosea 6:6-7; Matthew 9:13; 12:7

Psalm 40 Quoted and Fulfilled by the Son Who Became Son.

Obedient life even before His **CONCEPTION** by incarnation (*active obedience*) to His **CRUCIFIXION** as substitution (*passive obedience*).

Eternal Son of God Sacrificially Sent by the Father.	Incarnate Son of Man Sacrificially Obeys the Father.
Therefore, as He was coming into the world, He says, “Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but a body You have prepared for Me; in whole burnt offerings and <i>sacrifices</i> for sin you have taken no pleasure.” (10:5-6; Ps 40:6 LXX)	“Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come (in the scroll of the book it is written of Me) to do Your will, O God.’” (10:7; Ps 40:7-8 LXX)
God the Father Provides What He Ultimately Requires!	God the Son Provides What God Requires & Sinners Need!

- Sacrificial obedience is sufficient to **ABOLISH** the “first” to establish the “second.” (vv. 8-9)

Psalm 40 Explained and Applied to Abolish the OT Sacrificial System.

Abolishes the First by His Crucifixion...	to Put in Force the Second!
Shadows under the Old Covenant that <i>picture</i> what God requires and will <i>provide</i> .	Doing God's will under the New Covenant.
Christ Himself Is Abolishing the First Covenant Sacrificial System to Establish Second Covenant Heart Obedience!	

- Sacrificial obedience is sufficient to **SANCTIFY** all believers once for all time by offering His body once for all time. (v. 10)

Psalm 40 Explained and Applied to NT Believers in the Now-Not Yet.

What Does This Sanctify Mean Here?

A once for all setting aside from sin unto priestly service in the presence of our holy God! (9:13-14)

We Have Been Set Apart for Worshipful Service

1. The **MEANS**: *"By this will...through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ..."*

"His obedience was from the heart, but it took concrete form in human life and climaxed with his willing self-offering of that life." – Gareth Lee Cockerill

2. The **PARTICIPANTS**: *"...we..."*

There has been **no first-person plural subject** since **8:1**, and there will be none again until **10:22**.

It is only because **"WE** have been made holy" through the obedience of this High Priest (8:1) whom **WE** have that **WE** can "draw near" (10:22) to God with confidence!

3. The **TIMING**: *"...we have been sanctified..."*

4. The **SUPERIORITY**: *"...Jesus Christ once for all!"*

"This cleansing is 'once for all' in that it is completely adequate without need of supplement or repetition. Those who embrace what Christ has done through faithful obedience continue in this cleansing as part of the persevering people of God....The offering of 'His own blood' (9:12) has been explained in these verses as the eternal Son's offering of His perfectly obedient human life in a final act of obedience on the cross. The following verses continue to flesh out what Christ has become through his once-for-all sacrifice and the benefits made available therefrom for his people. As a result of his self-offering he has taken his seat at God's right as His people's fully sufficient High Priest (10:11–14) and has become the Mediator of the New Covenant that provides forgiveness and power for obedience (10:15–18). The pastor would ever fasten the gaze of his hearers on this exalted High Priest and Mediator as their only sufficient source of needed grace." – Gareth Lee Cockerill, *Hebrews*, 446.

The Nicene Creed on God the Son

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.