



Jesus' Better Sacrifice and His Better Perfection • Part 2

Lesson Thirty-Three • Hebrews 10:11-18

Critical Pivot Passage

10:1-18 is the **conclusion** to the **doctrinal instruction** (1:1 / 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).

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 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!

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

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

"Therefore, When He comes into the world, He says..."

Verses 5-18 explain **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!

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

1. Sufficient to **PLEASE** God with the True Form of Worship Not Shadows. (vv. 5-7)

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

His obedient life from even before His *conception* by incarnation (*active obedience*) all the way to His *crucifixion* as substitution (*passive obedience*).

2. Sufficient to **ABOLISH** the "First" to Establish the "Second." (vv. 8-9)

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

3. Sufficient to **SANCTIFY** All Believers Once for All Time by Offering His Body Once. (v. 10)

Psalm 40 Is 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

➤ 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

➤ 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!

- The **TIMING**: “...we have been sanctified...”

“Believers, on account of Jesus' sacrifice, are now in the realm of the holy. They are not unclean or defiled before God but holy before Him because of the work of Jesus Christ. Since believers stand before God as holy and clean by virtue of Christ's sacrificial offering, they don't need to offer any other sacrifices to obtain forgiveness of sins.” – Tom Schreiner

- The **SUPERIORITY**: “...Jesus Christ once for all!”

4. Sufficient to **SIT** in Heaven as the Victorious Priest-King Waiting for His Earthly Vindication. (vv. 11-13)

Psalm 40 Is Explained as Fulfilling Psalm 110:1, 4 Presently in Heaven and Psalm 2:7-9 (Heb 1:5; 5:5) and Psalm 8:4-6 (Heb 2:5-8) in the Future on Earth.

- Priests *standing* offering the same sacrifices is a sure sign they are **NEVER** able to take away sins. (v. 11).
- Jesus *sitting* after offering one sacrifice is a sure sign He has **FOREVER** taken away sins. (vv. 12-13).

Jesus' Second Coming Will Bring Our Future Salvation and His Final Vindication!

As we eagerly wait on earth for our future salvation (9:27-28), Jesus eagerly waits in heaven for His final vindication on earth as He saves persevering believers and judges unbelievers and apostates (10:12 -13)!

5. Sufficient to **PERFECT** for All Time Those Who Are Being Sanctified as Priestly Worshipers. (v. 14)

Psalm 40 Is Applied to Fulfill All of God's Kingdom Plan: A Kingdom of Believer Priests!

Don't Neglect So Great Salvation! (2:1-4)

- **Justification**: A courtroom *declaration* of sinners who are now righteous in Christ according to God's standards (*positional* purity).
- **Redemption**: A priestly *confirmation* of a sinner whose sin debt is fully paid and forgiven with God's satisfaction (*personal* purity).
- **Sanctification**: A priestly *purification* of a sinner whose cleansing of their heart and life sets them apart for God's service (*priestly* purity).
- **Perfection**: A priestly *qualification* to enter God's holy presence to offer Him spiritual sacrifices (*purposeful* purity).

The Tenses of Salvation

Those who have been perfected once for all to enter God's presence with their sins forgiven are also those who are being continually sanctified more and more due to a new, cleansed heart!

6. Sufficient to **FULFILL** the Better Promises of the New Covenant. (vv. 15-18)

Psalm 40 Is Applied to Fulfill the New Covenant in Jeremiah 31:31, 34.

The Four “Better” Promises of the New Covenant

New Hearts Given! ➔ *God's Presence Indwelling! Personal Relationship Secured!* ⬅ **Complete Forgiveness Granted!**

Christ's Sacrificial Obedience in Life and Death Established New Covenant...

- **HEART OBEDIENCE** because God's laws are now written on our hearts by the Spirit.
- **COMPLETE FORGIVENESS** so there is no longer any need for any more sin offerings.

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“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...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

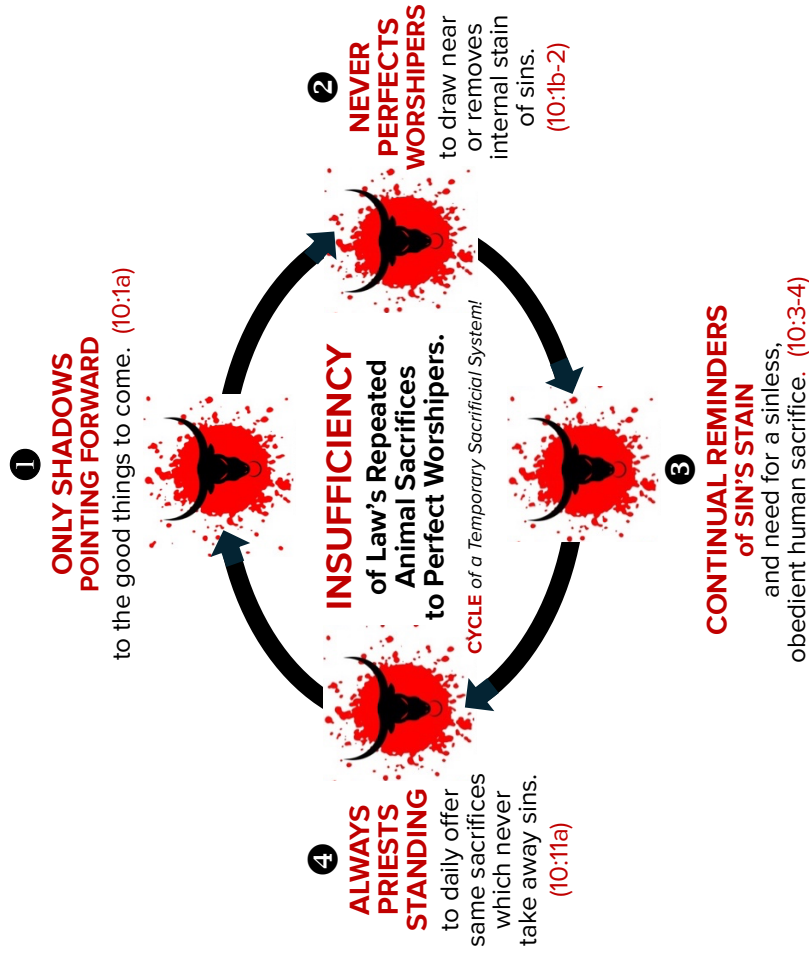
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ABOLISHES the FIRST:
Old Covenant Repeated Animal Sacrifices!
10:1-4, 11a



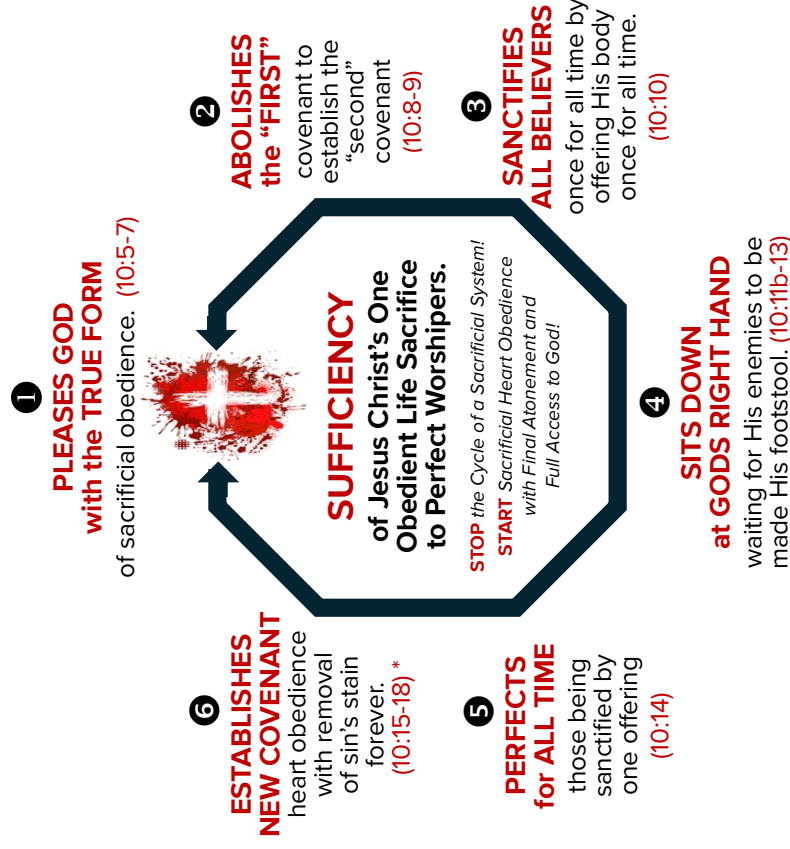
ESTABLISHES the SECOND:
New Covenant Obedience from the Heart!
10:5-18



NEVER REMOVES SIN'S STAIN:
Always More Sacrifices for Sins
with No Heart Cleansing!



FOREVER REMOVES SIN'S STAIN:
No More Sacrifice for Sins
with Heart Obedience!



* Having already emphasized the satisfaction of God's wrath against sinners and their sin in **9:15-28**, the pastor-teacher now emphasizes in **10:15-18** the Holy Spirit's direct witness to present-day New Covenant believers that the fulfillment of the New Covenant establishes their heart obedience along with the removal of the stain of their sins and the resulting separation from God so that "there is no longer any offering for sin" needed.

Middle Division of Hebrews 4:14–10:18 | HOLD FAST OUR CONFESSION with CONFIDENCE!

Message of Ch 7:1–10:18 | Don't Settle for LESSER When You ALREADY Have BETTER in JESUS' Eternal, Perfecting Priesthood:

A SON Made Perfect Forever Has ENTERED God's Presence to SIT & SERVE as Our PRIEST-KING with a Better Ministry according to a Better Covenant in a Better Sanctuary by a Better Sacrifice for a Better Perfection!

BETTER MEDIATOR Like Melchizedek Ch 7	BETTER MINISTRY in Heaven Ch 8:1-6	BETTER COVENANT with Better Promises Ch 8:7-13	BETTER SANCTUARY Not Made by Man Ch 9:1-14	BETTER SACRIFICE Himself Once for All Time Ch 9:15-28	BETTER PERFECTION by Christ's Sacrifice Ch 10:1-18
BETTER PRIESTHOOD Made Like the Son of God but Not the Son Made Perfect Forever! (7:3, 28) PICTURED (7:1-3) - Melchizedek is LITERALLY Made Like the Son of God by Inspiration. (1-3) <i>He REMAINS a PERPETUAL Priest in Scripture!</i> (3) - But Jesus is LITERALLY the Son of God by Incarnation and Resurrection! (4-28) <i>He is RISEN, REIGNING, and REMAINS the ETERNAL High Priest by Divine Oath in the Heavenly Sanctuary!</i> (26) PROVEN (7:1-25) - PICTURED in Melchizedek. (1-3; Genesis 14:18-20) - PREMINENCE of Melchizedek. (4-10; Genesis 14:18-20) <i>GREATER Than ABRAHAM and LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD!</i> - PERFECTION in Another Like Melchizedek Who Arises to Appear. (11-25; Psalm 110:4) PERFECTED (7:26-28) A Son Made Perfect Forever: - PERSONAL Purity. (26) - PRIESTLY Purity. (27) - PURPOSEFUL Purity. (28) It is FITTING (Morally Required & Personally Needed) that WE as SINNERS HAVE SUCH a HIGH PRIEST!	MAIN POINT We Now Have Such a High Priest! (8:1-2) HEAVENLY MINISTRY of the SEATED SON! (8:1-2) - Eternal SON is the Priest-King. So He Reigns. (1) - Eternal SACRIFICE is Once for All, So He Rests. (1) - Eternal SANCTUARY is the True One Built by God in Heaven So It's Better. (2) BETTER MINISTRY of the SERVING SON! (8:3-6) - CONTINUITY with Old Priestly Ministry. (3) - DISCONTINUITY with Old Priestly Ministry. (4-5) <i>TRUE SANCTUARY isn't an EARTHLY COPY, TEMPORARY SHADOW, or MAN-MADE PICTURE!</i> - SUPERIORITY of New Priestly Ministry in Heaven. (6) <i>FULFILLMENT with ESCALATION!</i> 7 ASPECTS of the BETTER MINISTRY in HEAVEN - Better MEDIATOR (7:1-28) - Better MINISTRY (8:1-6) - Better COVENANT (8:7-13) - Better SANCTUARY (9:1-10) - Better SACRIFICE (9:11-28) - Better PERFECTION (10:11-18) - Better HOPE (9:11, 24, 28) <i>ALL 7 ASPECTS Are REPEATEDLY INTERCONNECTED in Chapters 7–10!</i>	BETTER PROMISES FIRST COVENANT Was FAULTY & FAILED to PERFECT! (8:7-8a) <i>If the FIRST Covenant had been WITHOUT fault, then there would be NO NEED for a SECOND!</i> SECOND “NEW” COVENANT HAS BETTER PROMISES and PERFECTION! (8:8b-12) Jeremiah 32:31-34 <i>Longest OT quote in the NT and the only one to use “NEW” for the Better Covenant!</i> - Better PROMISES Fulfilled. <i>NEW HEART'S given, GOD'S PRESENCE indwelling, PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP secured, and COMPLETE FORGIVENESS granted!</i> - Better PERFECTION Featured. <i>INTERNAL LOYAL OBEDIENCE!</i> - Better PROSPECTS Foretold. <i>For the CHURCH, ISRAEL, and the NATIONS!</i> INDIVIDUAL Promises. <i>Indwelling Holy Spirit!</i> CONGREGATIONAL Promises. <i>Mystery of Church Revealed in the MI!</i> NATIONAL Promises. <i>Fulfilled at Christ's 2nd Coming!</i> INTERNATIONAL Promises. <i>Through the Church Now and Through Israel in the Not Yet!</i> “NEW” MAKES the FIRST OUTDATED, OBSOLETE, and to BE OBLITERATED! (8:13) <i>The FIRST Was GOOD yet FAULTY, but the SECOND is BETTER and PERFECT!</i>	BETTER PLACE EARTHLY TABERNACLE with TWO TENT-SECTIONS (9:1-10) 1st SECTION Many Dying Priests Enter They Enter Day and Night Always Being Busy 2nd SECTION Only High Priest Enters He Enters Only Once a Year Always by Blood Both LIMITED the Way into God Holy Presence. (1-7) <i>Due to Form, Furnishings, and Functioning!</i> LEARNING Opportunity About the Better Way to God. (8-10) <i>DON'T LOOK BACK to EARTHLY PLACES with PRIESTLY ACTIVITY as a Means of Being Closer to God's Presence Now that the New Order Has Come!</i> EARTHLY TABERNACLE VS. HEAVENLY TABERNACLE (9:11-14) ON EARTH Under 1st Covenant No Way for People into 1st Room and only High Priest into 2nd IN HEAVEN Under 2nd Covenant Opened Way into 2nd Room, So 1st No Longer Needed! Jesus Christ Entered 2nd Room Once for All His Own Blood for Just the People Internal Heart Cleansing Eternal Substance EXTERNAL Bodily Cleansing Temporary Symbol ETERNAL REDEMPTION is SECURED and the WAY into GOD'S PRESENCE OPENED! <i>Hold Fast This Confession: Christ's Has Entered Once for All Time the Better Heavenly Sanctuary by His Own Blood!</i>	BETTER PAYMENT ...and the BETTER COVENANT! (9:15-22) - MAKES Him Mediator of the New Covenant. (15a) - CLEANSES Sins Under the Broken Old Covenant. (15b) - SATISFIES the Curse of Death Under the Old Covenant. (16-22) <i>ALL Things MUST Someday BE CLEANSED by BLOOD or There is NO FORGIVENESS!</i> ...and the BETTER SANCTUARY! (9:23-28) - PURIFIES the Pathway into the Heavenly Sanctuary. (23-24) - COMPLETES His Priestly Sacrifice Once for all Time. (25-28) - ENTERED ONCE into the heavenly sanctuary and SAT DOWN, since His blood was SUFFICIENT ONCE for ALL TIME. (25-26) NOT REPEATED <i>Since the FOUNDATION of the WORLD, Because Christ has DIED ONCE for SIN at the COMPLETION of the AGES! His Cross REACHES BACKWARD and FORWARD!</i> - DIED ONCE to bear the Sins of MANY to appear a SECOND time to SAVE those who are EAGERLY WAITING for Him! (27-28) EAGERLY WAIT and DILIGENTLY WORSHIP as BELIEVER PRIESTS Who PERSEVERE with an OBEDIENT FAITH! <i>As We Eagerly Wait on Earth for Our Future Salvation, Jesus Eagerly Waits in Heaven for His Final Vindication! (c.f. 11b-13)</i>	BETTER PERFECTION ...by the BETTER SACRIFICE! (10:1-18) INSUFFICIENCY: LAW'S REPEATED ANIMAL SACRIFICES to PERFECT WORSHIPERS. (10:1-4) <i>Repeated Sacrifices...</i> - ONLY SHADOWS of the Future. (1a) - NEVER PERFECTS Worshiper. (1b-2) - CONTINUAL REMINDERS of Sin and Need for Sinless Substitute. (3-4) - ALWAYS PRIESTS STANDING. (11a) NEVER REMOVES SIN'S STAIN! <i>Always More Sacrifices with No Heart Cleansing!</i> SUFFICIENCY: JESUS CHRIST'S ONE OBEDIENT SACRIFICE to PERFECT WORSHIPERS. (10:5-18) Obedient Sacrifice... - PLEASES God with True Form of Sacrifice: Heart Obedience! (5-7) - ABOLISHES the “First” to Establish the “Second.” (8-9) - SANCTIFIES ALL Believers Once for All by Offering His Body Once. (10) - SITS at God's Right Hand Waiting for Earthly Vindication. (11b-13) - PERFECTS for All Time Those Being Sanctified. (14) - ESTABLISHES New Covenant Heart Obedience and Total Forgiveness. (15-18) FOREVER REMOVES SIN'S STAIN! <i>No More Sacrifice for Sins with Heart Obedience!</i> TODAY the Holy Spirit Is Saying ALL This to US! (15)