

“OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE” (Hebrews 10)

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INTRO: We’ll continue eating spiritual meat in Hebrews 10.

I. Animal Sacrifices Covered but didn’t remove Sin (v. 1-4).

- A. The law was only a shadow of the new covenant (v. 1a).
- B. The law & sacrifices didn’t change the heart (v. 1b).
- C. If they removed sin, they wouldn’t need to continue (v. 2).
- D. The ongoing sacrifices were a reminder of sin (vv. 3-4).

II. God’s Will was Obedience over Sacrifice (vv. 5-10).

- A. Obedience is better than sacrifice (vv. 5-6, 8; Ps. 40:6-8).
- B. Jesus came to offer obedience (v. 7; Ps. 40:7-8).
- C. The old covenant was replaced with the new (v. 9).
- D. The new covenant sanctifies through Jesus’ blood (v. 10).

III. The Old Covenant Sacrifices Covered Sins, Christ’s Sacrifice Removes Sins (vv. 11-18).

- A. The old covenant sacrifices didn’t remove sin (v. 11).
- B. Jesus’ sacrifice of Himself removes sin (v. 12-14; Ps. 110:1).
- C. A description of the new covenant (v. 15-17; Jer. 31:33-34).
- D. Jesus’ sacrifice was a once-and-for all sacrifice (v. 18).

IV. Enter, Draw Near, Hold Fast, Assemble, Stir Up & Exhort (vv. 19-25).

- A. Enter boldly the heavenly holy of holies (vv. 19-21).
- B. Draw near to God’s throne of grace (v. 22; Heb. 4:16).
- C. Hold fast to your hope and faith (v. 23).
- D. Stir up love and good works in one another (v. 24).
- E. Assemble, don’t just gather & Exhort one another (v. 25).

•You can’t do this without being with one another!

V. Sin has Consequences (vv. 26-31)!

- A. Willfully sinning is dangerous (vv. 26-27).
- B. Sin has severe consequences (vv. 28-31).

VI. Persevere (vv. 32-39)!

- A. He reminds them of their past endurance (vv. 32-33).
- B. They had an enduring possession in heaven (v. 34).
- C. Endure once again and you’ll be rewarded (vv. 35-36).
- D. Don’t draw back but live by faith (vv. 37-38; Hab. 2:3-4; Rom. 1:17; 3:20; Gal. 3:20).

CONCLUSION: We’re not going to draw back (v. 39)!