

Hebrews 10:1-4 A shadow is only a shaded outline of an object. An image of something solid. It only vaguely resembles that solid object and it can never be picked up or handled. (23)

A shadow can not bring any satisfaction and neither could the endless sacrifices. And how could they? Some innocent animal had to die for what I did. It was the furthest thing from worship! Year after year it was people coming to God and saying, "Here are all the animals that had to die because I did what was right in my own eyes, not Yours." - verse 3 tells us that there was no hope of ever being freed from the "guilt of their sins". The problem is the definition of a sinner. We are not sinners because we sin. We sin because we are sinners. We have a High Priest who paid not only for our past, present, and future sins but more importantly for our whole sin nature. "We are no longer sinners even though we still occasionally sin." "There is therefore now no condemnation for those that are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1 - The Holy Spirit chapter). Hebrews 10:5-7: A Messianic Psalm of David (God the Son conversing with God the Father about His redemption sacrificial mission) see print out for verses 1-10.

Hebrews 10:7 (alone): Obedience is better than sacrifices; Jesus/Law 1 Samuel 15:22 So Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold to obey ^{is better} than sacrifice." Psalm 51:16+17 For You do not desire sacrifices, or else I would give it, You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart. Jeremiah 7:21-23 "For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices, But this is what I commanded them: saying, 'obey My voice and I will be your God, and you shall be My people.' Hosea 6:6 "For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings."

Amos 5:21-24 "I hate, I despise your feast days, and I do not savor your sacred assemblies. Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings. Take them away from Me the noise of your songs, for I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments." - Micah 6:6-8 With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings? With calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, ten thousand rivers of oil? The LORD requires of you but to do justly, to have mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Quick recap of Chapters 1-9 (in no specific order, just content.)

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- We identified that the phrases "Priest" and "Prophet" appeared often throughout the book of Hebrews. Their meanings differ to that one might expect. In the case of Priest it means, one who comes before God on behalf of the people; he represents the people's voice before God. A prophet is the counter of that; he speaks God's voice to the people (so Pastor Dannel is more a prophet than a priest albeit when he prays he does become a priest).
- We also identified that Jesus was, is, and forever will be a 100% both a priest and a prophet.
- Hebrews is a book where the writer, God directed, is addressing the traditional Hebrew speaking Jew (and at the same time all non-Jewish believers). It is a book about "faith plus nothing."
- When I say "faith plus nothing" I am referring to the fact that God only requires that "in faith" we take Him at His Word. That we believe upon the Holy Scriptures as God's complete truth (and nothing but the truth) in both the fact that it cannot be added to (nor subtracted from) and in the fact it is complete in all that God wants us to know.

The book of Hebrews also identifies, in chapters 1-7, that Jesus is greater than any prophet God has ever sent, superior to angels. Hebrews also specifically points to Jesus being far greater than Abraham and Moses whom the religious leaders considered to be unmoveable in the hierarchy of Judaism.

Right now, as we enter chapter 10 we are continuing in the knowledge that Jesus had instituted a New, and final, covenant. Surpassing, and replacing, the last covenant of sacrifices and blood offerings continually with a once and for all sacrifice and blood offering of Himself. A sacrifice and offering that if we accept it, in place of our sins, results in God considering our sin debt (past, present, and future) to be "paid-in-full."

Hebrews 10:8-10: God did not "desire" sacrifices and burnt offerings. They actually were instituted to remind God's chosen people Israel that when they sin it causes and animal to die. And the death of an animal was meant to make

one realize that their 'sin against God' caused something to suffer. It was done repeatedly so that the guilt of someone's actions was constantly being reminded to them. (Not sure if that sentence is even close to being grammatically correct, but I am sure you get my drift.). Also the sacrifices and offerings could never be satisfying to God 'because it ^①resulted not only in the death of one of His created beings, ^②came about because a person went against God's Word; what God had said not to do.

In verse 9 we see that Jesus is the final, once and for all, sacrifice to be offered for sin debt. It is complete. It covers past, present, and future actions of believers only. (I say that because I am a firm believer in the preciseness of God's Holy Word. I am a fundamentalist.). For example in John 3:16 we read: "For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only Son, so that whoever shall believe in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (God imparts salvation on believers in Jesus Christ in that their sins have been put upon Christ on the Cross. Non-believers will pay for their own sins. God can not, nor would He, place the sin of a non-believer on Jesus and then again on the non-believer when that non-believer dies.).

Now, since there are not repeating rituals of sacrifice to remind sinners of their sin resulting in their having feelings of guilt, Jesus has instituted communion. Communion now reminds us repeatedly how our sin caused the sacrificing of the Eternal Lamb without spot or blemish.

Hebrews 11-13: This is a repeat of the content of verses 8-10, with the addition of the mention that Jesus, having completed the need for continual sacrifices, that did not remove sin but only "swept it under the rug", has now sat down "at the right hand of God" until the time when the 7 year Tribulation has concluded. This is what is known as the time of the end of Transgressions.

Hebrews 14-17 Another result of Christ's "finished work of the Cross" is that that completion resulted in the Holy Spirit now being permanently implanted in the believer, verses the

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Way the Holy Spirit came in and out of God's people. For example when Saul was a King who followed God's instructions the Holy Spirit was upon him, but when he did things like offer the sacrifice himself or not utter destroy the Amalekites as he was instructed to do. Another example was Sampson of whom we are told that the Holy Spirit was removed from for breaking the Nazareen vow and then later reinstituted in him as he was stretched out between two columns in the temple where all were gathered to worship their god dagon (a name not worthy of capitalization). Of course in the New Testament, precisely at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was permanently imputed in the believer. (see Ephesians 1:13-14 and Romans 8:38-39 printout)

Hebrew 10:18: Jesus' atonement of our sins "sanctified" us. (we are made Holy as far as God is concerned). Yes, we do still sin but NOT AS MUCH AS WE USED TO! Being Reborn, the sin nature no longer lingers over us and now the Holy Spirit helps us to ever increasingly recognize when we are about to go astray and helps us to overcome the temptation at hand. If our sinning continues in a "business as usual" mindset or increases then we probably were never saved to begin with.

Hebrews 10:19-22: "Therefore" refers to the previous mentioned concept. "And so" would also work. "And so, now that we have been redeemed lets enter in to prayer and supplication with reverential respect when we enter God's presence remembering what it cost our Triune God.

Hebrews 10:23-25: These verses were written for January 2025. (paraphrasing): Now that we know what it pained God the Father to pour out His wrath on His One and only begotten Son and how our Savior suffered so that we don't have to, and how it grieved the Holy Spirit, and all of Heaven to see it come about; let's not ever lose our fervor in letting others know about the salvation that is found in Jesus Christ.

The message goes on to tell us not to forsake gathering together, being a part of a body in Christ, a Church so that we can support and comfort one another. Like the old fashion tradeships with many oars we all row together and when one falls ill, in body or spirit, the rest pick up the slack.