

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS

Christ's Sacrifice Once for All Hebrews 10:1–18

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2,3

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

Day 1: Read Hebrews 10:1–5.

1. How does the fact that the animal sacrifices were offered “year after year” (vs. 1), “day after day” (vs. 11), “again and again” (vs. 11) show their inability to save anyone?

2. What was the fundamental problem with the old sacrificial system? (vs. 4)

3. What was, finally, the effective remedy for sin, of which the “blood of bulls and goats” was just a “shadow”? (vss. 5c, 10)

Day 2: Read Hebrews 10:3.

4. If these perpetual sacrifices were so ineffective, why did God command them? What was their purpose? (vs. 3)

5. What is the good done by keeping the sense of sinfulness alive annually (vs. 3)? (Think about Galatians 3:24; Romans 3:19)

6. What happens to a culture (like 20th century America) in which even the concept of sin is by and large lost? (Jeremiah 8:11,12)

Day 3: Read Hebrews 10:5–12.

7. Even in the Old Testament days when God commanded sacrifices, what did he desire more than these? (Jeremiah 7:22,23; Hebrews 10:7b)

8. What did Christ offer to God rather than animal's blood? (vss. 5, 12)

9. As people saved by Christ's offered body, and now called to imitate him, what are we to do with our bodies? (Romans 12:1)

Day 4: Read Hebrews 10:13, 14.

10. Jesus now "waits for his enemies to be made his footstool" (vs. 13). Who are his enemies and when will the final installment of his victory occur? (Hebrews 2:14; 1 Corinthians 15:24–27; 2 Thessalonians 1:7b, 8; Revelation 20:10, 14, 15)

11. How does verse 14, in its verb tenses, capture both the "already finished" and the "not yet finished" aspects of your salvation?

Day 5: Read Hebrews 10: 15–18.

12. The sacrificial system was an integral part of the old covenant (or agreement, arrangement, treaty) between God and man.

A. Where were the old covenant laws written? (Exodus 24:7, 12; Hebrews 9:4)

B. Where are the new covenant laws written? (Hebrews 10:16; Jeremiah 31:31–33)

13. What does it mean that God's laws are written on your heart and in your mind, rather than just on stone or paper?

14. What becomes of your debt of sin under this new covenant? (vs. 17) Therefore, what becomes of the need for more sacrificial offerings? (vs. 18; Zechariah 3:9b)