

HEBREWS 10:1-25: The Finished Work.

I. (1-4) A reminder of sins.

The Law was a mere **shadow/copy** of good things to come, not the real image. Much as a shadow can tell you a lot about the image on which light is cast, it doesn't give full detail and accuracy. The Law couldn't make the Priests and people perfect. However, it was a continuous reminder of sin. It was impossible for the the sacrificial blood would take away sin.

***Colossians 2:16-17** - So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.*

II. (5-10) The New Covenant was promised.

This quotation is taken from the Greek translation of **Psalm 40:6-8**. It shows that prophetically Jesus declared the insufficient character of Old Covenant sacrifice and declared His willingness to offer a perfect sacrifice under the New Covenant.

Jesus' submission to God's the Father's will had its ultimate fulfillment in His obedience to the cross. This desire to do God's will was shown in the Garden of Gethsemane.

***Luke 22:42** - saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."*

Our sanctification – our being set apart to God – is founded on the **will** of Jesus **offering** Himself for us, once for all.

***1 Corinthians 1:30-31** - But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD"*

III. (11-18) The finished work of Jesus Christ.

The priests had to *stand* continually in their work. Their work continued **daily** and sacrifices had to be **repeatedly** offered. The priests could never sit down! But Jesus **sat down at the right hand of God**, having finished His work of sacrificing for sin.

The work of Jesus has given righteousness to everyone who accepts Him. And those who come to Him are being sanctified, set apart for Him.

Again, quoting from Jeremiah 31:33, 34 – since God has washed and forgotten all our sins, there's no need for any more sacrifices.

IV. (19-25) Let us draw near and hold fast.

The priests in the OT walked in before the LORD on set days, in fear and trembling. In Christ Jesus, having an open invitation and limitless access to God, we approach Him with confidence and assurance because our sins were dealt with.

A new and living way: The animals died and never came back to life, only Jesus did.

i. **Draw near**

ii. **Hold fast - keep firm possession of**

Revelation 2:25 - *“But hold fast what you have till I come.*

Revelation 3:11 - *“Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.*

iii. Stir up love and good works

John 13:35 - *“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

1 John 4:11 - *Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

iv. Encourage one another

Deuteronomy 1:38 - *‘Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.*

1Thessalonians 3:1-3 - *Therefore, when we could no longer endure it, we thought it good to be left in Athens alone, and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith, that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.*