

“A Single Sacrifice for Sins”

Sermon Notes

- **“Have confidence that you can be a holy worshipper in the heavenly throne room”**

1) The Perpetual Problem: priests and animal sacrifices are repeatedly _____ to _____ sinners (10:1-4, 11)

2) The Definitive Solution: the single sacrifice of Jesus has _____ sanctified a _____ people (10:5-10, 12-18)

Holy worshippers are perfectly:

1) _____ 2) _____

MEFC Community Group Study Guide
For the Week of September 1st – 7th

OT Context:

1. Consider the sacrifices under the Mosaic Law. You might read about burnt offerings (Lev 1), grain offerings (Lev 2), peace offerings (Lev 3), sin offerings (Lev 4-5:13), guilt offerings (Lev 5:14-6:7), or the Day of Atonement (Lev 16). What is the effect or purpose of these sacrifices (e.g. see Lev 4:20, 26, 31, 35 ; 5:6, 10, 13, 16, 18; 6:7; 16:3, 6, 11, 14-16, 18-19)?
2. Other OT biblical revelation has other instruction about God's thoughts about the sacrifices Israel had been offering. Passages to consider include Psalm 51:16-17 (consider also what Psalm 51 says about how those who are saved relate to God), Hosea 6:4-6, Amos 5:12-25, Isaiah 1:10-17, Psalm 50:7-15.

Context in Hebrews:

3. Hebrews 10:1-18 is the conclusion to the author's argument about Jesus as better High Priest of the better New Covenant. This passage continues to discuss already mentioned ideas. Go back and look over 4:14-9:28. What topics have already been mentioned, that are picked up again in this conclusion? What has already been said about these topics?
4. What is the logical connection between what was said before in 9:27-28 and 10:1 and the following verses (hint: think along the lines of present vs. future ('already' vs. 'not yet') aspects of redemption and eschatology)?

Understanding Hebrews 10:1-18:

5. As you look at the flow of 10:1-18, what key connecting words (for, therefore, but, because, since, consequently, and...) indicate the flow of thought in the passage? What are the 4 major sub-sections? What is the main point of each sub-section (i.e. How would you capture the idea in one sentence)? What evidence does the author use to support each of his arguments?
6. How could you sum up the meaning of this whole passage in your own words?

Applying Hebrews 10:1-18:

7. How does this passage challenge how you have been living before God:
 - How does Jesus completed sacrifice help you to rest from religious striving - in the pursuit of God through spiritual disciplines and in the face of ongoing sin in your life?

- How does Jesus potent once-for-all sacrifice encourage your perseverance in running the race of faith?
 - How do you handle the past sins of others, both those who are no longer living? And those who have confessed their sins to you?
8. Every “god” requires sacrifice. In fact, idols demand that we offer repeated sacrifice to appease them. Do you see any repeated “sacrifices” in your behaviors or thoughts that might indicate the presence of idols in your heart? This might show up in daily or weekly habits or in the experience of emotions that are either frequent or of a certain intensity. What solution does Jesus Christ offer you, as expressed here in Hebrews 10:1-18?