

## HEBREWS 10

### THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH

The first verse of Hebrews 10 sounds like this in the NLT:

- **The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.**

### SOUNDS LIKE THIS IN THE NKJV...

**Hebrews 10:1** For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.

- Did you ever ask your kids to clean their rooms because company was coming over? And, indeed their rooms were magically uncluttered in a matter of minutes?
  - Only later, what did you discover?
    - Their rooms weren't clean, the clutter was just stuffed into the closet, under their bed, clean clothes were thrown into the hamper... Their transgressions were just covered up for the visit!
  - THAT... Was the old covenant! We learned last week that the Priests NEVER inspected the people... They inspected the sacrifice!
    - The NEW covenant was better. It REMOVED sins. The sacrificial Lamb, JESUS, was the perfect, and LAST sacrifice!

### PAUL WRITES...

2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those *sacrifices* there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

- CCSV, IF you have received Jesus as your Savior... He has taken away your sins. **WHO BESIDES ME IS HAPPY FOR THAT!**

5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU DID NOT DESIRE, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME. 6 IN BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES FOR SIN YOU HAD NO PLEASURE. 7 THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME—IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME—TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.'" 8 Previously saying, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING, BURNT OFFERINGS, AND OFFERINGS FOR SIN YOU DID NOT DESIRE, NOR HAD PLEASURE IN THEM" (which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD." He takes away the first (**Covenant**) that He may establish the second. **PSALM 40:6-8**

- **COURSON** - I am convinced that verses [Heb 10:4-6](#) are a record of the conversation that very likely took place on Christmas Eve between the Father and Son. Even as Adam became a living soul when life was breathed into him ([Gen 2:7](#)), so, too, life entered the Last Adam, the Babe of Bethlehem. And He said to His Father, "You have prepared a body because You have no pleasure in sacrifices."
- Remember the story in 1 Kings 15 when the new King, Saul, had disobeyed the command of God and spared the lives of the wicked King Agag and all of the Amalekite animals? His excuse was that the animals spared in disobedience could be sacrificed to God.
  - Samuel told him, "God doesn't want your sinful sacrifices. God wants you to obey Him. **To obey is better than sacrifice!**"
  - Jesus says in **Hebrews 10:9**: "I have come to do Your will, O God."
  - May that be our prayer too! May our sacrifice **be** our obedience!

## IT IS FINISHED!

10 By that will (**The will of God**) we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all.**

- Once... Forever... Forgiven... By Christ alone.
- Leave Him out of your plan and you are choosing to pay your own way... **In hell.** WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT? Please do **NOT** choose hell!

## RELIGION, RITUALS & REPETITIONS

11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

- **COURSON** - If you feel like you're in a rut, doing the same things every day to try to impress God, you're under the old system. And like the priests of old, your work is never done.
- **GUZIK** - 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! In contrast, Jesus **sat down at the right hand of God**, having finished His work of sacrificing for sin. *Listen...*

## RELAX!

12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, **BECAUSE HE WAS DONE!** 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. (IE, under His heel – see **GEN 3:15**)

14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. **THAT'S US!!!!**

## THERE'S MORE

15 But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, 16 "THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR HEARTS, AND IN THEIR MINDS I WILL WRITE THEM,"

17 then He adds, "THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE." **JEREMIAH 31:34**

- Would you say out loud this statement? I want you to hear your own voice say this: "**God has forgotten my sin...**"
- HOW DO I KNOW THAT MY sin is forgiven & forgotten?
- **1 John 1:5 – 9**: This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the

truth. **7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.** **8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

### **BACK TO HEBREWS 10**

18 Now where there is remission of these, *there is no longer an offering for sin.*

- CCSV, We should try hard... Even pray that... We too would forgive and forget the failures of our loved ones... IF you try, You will be cleansed of a lot of bitterness. I know. I have been down this road...

### **THE FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH**

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

- **WOW!** This is the presence of God that the High Priests were fearful to enter into... But you are invited to enter into the presence of God boldly... BECAUSE of Jesus and His sacrifice... FOR YOU!

### **HOW?**

20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, 22 **let us draw near with a true heart** in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

- **COURSON** - Let us draw near with a true heart—not a pure heart, or a clean heart, but a *true* heart, saying, **"I know I'm a sinner. But I also know what Jesus did is sufficient."** So I come boldly to Him, even if I haven't prayed in ten minutes, ten days, or ten years. Once I come with a *true* heart, the effectiveness of the sacrifice of Calvary takes effect.

23 Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for

## He who promised is faithful.

- WHO is the object of our faith? **JESUS!** Who is faithful to forgive? Who is at the right hand of the Father professing YOUR faith? SO... He's GOT You!

## CHURCH LIFE...

24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, (**Smith – The purpose of the Church**) 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

- **Come to Church Beloved!** We NEED each other! We NEED to share a meal... We NEED to hug... High 5... Say a prayer... Worship JESUS!
  - COME TO CHURCH! Share Communion. Sit and share. Share your burdens... Bear one another's burdens... **Be real...**

## BEWARE OF WILLFULL SIN...

26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, (**A person in my life told me this week, "I am no longer a practicing Christian... AND I am very happy about it.)**

- I told them, OK. But... You are now my new Mission Field...

## HERE IS WHAT MOTIVATES ME...

27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

- **CEV - They are God's enemies, and all they can look forward to is a terrible judgment and a furious fire.**
  - I cannot stop praying for my loved ones and friends until they all accept the Lord...

## DON'T INSULT GOD!

28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,"

says the Lord. And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."

**31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

### **STRUGGLING SAINTS**

32 But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: 33 partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; 34 for you had compassion on me in my chains, (**Sure sounds like Paul**) and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.

- Most Christians I know have paid a price in this world for taking a Christian stand.
  - Not a hateful stand, BUT a **FAITHFUL to the Word** stand!
    - Here is how to stay faithful...

### **CONFIDENCE IN GOD**

35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: 37 "FOR YET A LITTLE WHILE, AND HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME AND WILL NOT TARRY. 38 NOW THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; BUT IF ANYONE DRAWS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM." **HABUKUK 2:3-4**

39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

### **TO OBEY, Keith Green (1978)**

To obey is better than sacrifice  
I don't need your money  
I want your life;  
And I hear you say that I'm coming back soon  
But you act like I'll never return.

Well, you speak of grace and my love so sweet  
How you thrive on milk but reject My meat  
And I can't help weeping of how it will be  
If you keep on ignoring My words.  
Well you pray to prosper and succeed  
But your flesh is something I just can't feed.  
To obey is better than sacrifice  
I want more than Sunday and Wednesday nights  
Cause if you can't come to Me every day  
Then don't bother coming at all.

**CCSV, let us give to the Lord 100% of our hearts...**