

THE SECRET OF PEACE IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

--Jesus Served the Perfect Sacrifice

Hebrews 10:1-18

- I. The Sacrifices in the Law Could Only Cover Sins (10:1-4)
 - A. The Law Is Only a Shadow of the Coming Reality (10:1a)
 - 1. Repeated Sacrifices Cannot Make One Complete (10:1b)
 - 2. Repeated Sacrifices Cannot Clear the Conscience (10:2)
 - 3. Repeated Sacrifices Are Reminders of Sins (10:3)
 - B. The Blood of the Animals Cannot Remove Sins (10:4)
- II. The Sacrifice of Jesus Actually Removes Sins (10:5-10)
 - A. Jesus Is the Long Expected Ideal Sacrifice (10:5-7)
 - 1. The Old Sacrifices Are Temporary Preparations (10:5a, 6)
 - a. Sacrifice (*zebah*) = Peace/Fellowship Offerings
 - b. Offering (*minchah*) = Cereal Offerings
 - c. Burnt Offerings (*olah*) = Whole Burnt Offerings
 - d. Sacrifices for Sin (*chataah*) = Sin/Guilt Offerings
 - 2. Jesus' Body Is the Final Ideal Sacrifice (10:5b, 7)
 - a. God Prepared Jesus' Body (Obedient Life) (10:5b)
 - i. MT: "Dig Ear" = Obedience
 - ii. LXX: "Prepare Body" = Ready Sacrifice
 - b. God's Will Was Carried Out by Jesus (10:7)
 - i. MT: Obedience to the Law
 - ii. LXX: Predestinated Sacrifice
 - B. Jesus Abolished the Old Sacrifices by Offering the New (10:8-10)
 - 1. The New Sacrifice Is the Eternal Reality (10:8-9)
 - 2. Believers Are Once for All Positionally Sanctified (10:10)
- III. Jesus Is the Successful and Eternally Established High Priest (10:11-18)
 - A. Jesus Finished His Redemptive Work (10:11-14)
 - 1. OT Priests Are Unsuccessful and Temporal (10:11)
 - a. They Stand in the Temple
 - b. They Repeat Sacrifices That Cannot Remove Sins
 - 2. Jesus' High Priesthood Is Successful and Eternal (10:12-14)
 - a. He Eternally Removed Sins thru One Ideal Sacrifice
 - b. He Sits at the Right Hand of God and Rules as King
 - c. He Made the Believers Complete Eternally
 - B. Jesus Changed the Nature of the Redeemed (10:15-18)
 - 1. The Law Is Written in the Hearts of NT Believers (10:15-16)
 - 2. The Sins of Believers Are Removed from God's Record (10:17)
 - 3. There Is No Need of Repeating Jesus' Sacrifice (10:18)

Central Idea

Jesus, the firstborn of the household of God, once for all redeemed the other children of God by offering himself as the perfect sacrifice. He restored peace to the household of God by pacifying the wrath of God toward sins and changing the nature of believers to voluntary obedience.

Study Questions

1. What can the OT sacrifices do to the sins of man?
2. What is the purpose of the repeating of the OT sacrifices?
3. What can the sacrifice of Jesus do to the sins of man?
4. What are the different kinds of offerings in the OT?
5. What are the theological meanings of the OT offerings?
6. What is the significance of the chronological sequence of the OT offerings?
7. What are the meanings of God “digging the ear” (MT) or “preparing the body” (LXX) of the savior? What is the reason behind the LXX translation?
8. Which version of the OT is more messianic? Why?
9. Why were the OT sacrifices ineffective? In what sense is Jesus better?
10. Why is OT priesthood unsuccessful and unfinished? Why is Jesus’ the other way?
11. Believers of Jesus are “sanctified” now in what sense? What is the other sense?
12. Jesus said that he came here to fulfill the Law, not to abolish it (Matt 5:17). Is that in contradiction with Heb 8:9? Why or why not?
13. Why is there not need to ever repeat the sacrifice of Jesus?
14. What are the two necessary actions to restore peace in the household of God?

The Five Offering in the Law

Name	Meaning
Sin Offering	Paying for What Man Owes God
Guilt Offering	Paying for What Man Owes Others
Burnt Offering	Total Dedication to God
Cereal Offering	Being Sanctified to God
Peace Offering	Having Fellowship with God

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