

## Hebrews VII

**Chapter 10:** The Law was a shadow; the sacrifices cannot make anyone perfect. It was a shadow, a preliminary outline, not the finished product. Covered sin but did not cleanse consciences and take away guilt. Still could not approach.

V2: if they had purified the worshippers, sacrifices would not have to be offered continually.

V3: instead of removing guilt and purifying, sacrifices reminded people of their sin.

V4: animal blood could not **change** lives.

V 5-7 from Psalm 40. Son of God assumed human form. Body was “prepared.” Submissive servanthood. “Ears dug out”- like a slave. Willing to be the Sacrifice according to the Father’s Will. Christ speaking in Imperfect sacrifices prefigure the Perfect Sacrifice.

V 8-9: Sacrifices offered according to the Law were removed by the Sacrifice of Christ to establish New Covenant of Grace.

V 10 : Salvation comes through the Will of the Father. Plan was before the foundation of the world : Rev 13:8. Once for all but the effect is continuing (Greek).

V11-14: another contrast between the priests and Jesus. Priests STAND every day offering sacrifices. They cannot take away sin. Jesus offered once for all Sacrifice the SAT down; the work is finished. Waiting for all His enemies to be a footstool. Position of submission. Perfects those being sanctified by one offering. Greek means “on-going.” Makes us “holy,” set apart; having access to God.

V15-18: Holy Spirit again recalls quote from Jer 31:31-34. Before showed that the New Covenant was superior to the Old; now shows that no further sacrifice is needed. Because the Sacrifice was once for all, no further offering is needed.

V19: **Therefore** – refers to explanation of the Sacrifice applied to **us**. Now through the Blood we can enter where only the high priest used to go once a year. We can go into the Very Presence!

V20: through the veil by a new and living way. Greek means “freshly slain.” He sheds His Blood to make a way through the veil. When His flesh was torn, the curtain was torn. On going process.

V21: Greek means having a high and kingly priest. He is faithful, true to His promises. We can have assurance to be accepted.

V24-25: Christians should encourage each other, build each other up. Assemble for prayer and worship.

V26-31: sinning willfully – continually. Greek means an on-going action. There is no other sacrifice for someone who continually sins and commits apostasy and rejects the sacrifice of Christ. That person can look forward only to judgment.

When law of Moses was broken, person was punished on testimony of 2 or 3 witnesses. Now, rejecting the New Covenant is rejecting and despising the Son of God. Counts the Blood of the New Covenant as a common thing; a common death. Also insults the Spirit. Holy Spirit reveals Jesus and opens minds to what the Sacrifice means. Spirit is also rejected.

This term for the Spirit is only used in one other place: **Zechariah 12:10**. Jews will look upon the Pierced One and mourn.