

# THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

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## GOD'S WILL (HEBREWS 10:1-10) READ IT AGAIN

The writer has no hesitation, nor embarrassment, about repeating again and again those things which he believes are important for his readers.

- Repetition teaches and is the way to learn.
- **Do we stop listening just because we have heard it before? Let's see what it says today. Maybe, today is the day we really get it!**

## GOOD THINGS TO COME

The Law was not bad, it was just a shadow. We got that in Chapter 8. The writer wants the audience to understand that to go back to chasing shadows would never compare to the reality of the good things in Christ.

- **Sadly, many will just "go through the motions" today and chase the shadows of others who are following Christ.**

## IMPERFECT WORSHIPERS

These people were worshipers; they sought to surrender to God's will.

- But, they were always aware (conscious) and burdened (convicted) by their insufficient sacrifices for sin.
- They never stopped sacrificing because the sin never stopped. **Each sacrifice would only remind them of their need for another sacrifice.**

## CONSCIOUSNESS OF SINS

Because they were aware that a once-for-all sacrifice did not exist, they were committed to repeating what they knew: **sin—offering—forgiveness—sin—offering—forgiveness—repeat.**

- Although they were forgiven by faith, they knew there was a gap between the quality of their offering and the quantity of their sin.

## IMPOSSIBLE

Again, the writer uses the word impossible to drop the hammer of truth: **All of the sacrifices ever made could not take away sins.**

- Those sacrifices were done under the authority of God. They did serve a purpose. **They covered sin but did not change people. People were forgiven but not free.**

## THEREFORE

Now, the writer pivots to the answer to all the insufficiency of every sacrifice, and to the bondage that every worshiper still experienced: **Jesus came into the world!**

- Jesus would be the answer for imperfect worshipers who were burdened by the constant reminder of their sin and the never-ending system of sacrifice.

## DESIRE VS. REQUIRE

When Jesus says that God did not desire sacrifice and offering, it seems contradictory because it was the system that God ordained. We must remember that God desires for us to love Him in such a way that our desire is to live in His will.

- Because of our sin, **God ordained a system of sacrifice but He desired so much more.**

## PRESCRIBED VS. PLEASURE

Yes, God required offerings. He prescribed them, ordered them, and then accepted them. All offerings were a response to the shortcomings of the offeror. They had purpose but did not bring pleasure to God.

- **He wanted a life that needed no offerings, which was in itself a body presented as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God.**

## YOUR WILL, GOD

God's desire, pleasure, and will were satisfied when Jesus came. Throughout Jesus' life and ministry, He repeats that He came to do His Father's will.

- **At last, there was a life that would bring pleasure to God. This life would require no offering for itself. It would be, in itself, the fulfillment of all that the offerings had foreshadowed: a life wholly yielded to God—a perfect, final sacrifice.**

## THIS MAN (HEBREWS 10:11-14) EVERY PRIEST STANDS

We know that the sacrifices continued year after year. Now, we see the monotony of it all: "same sacrifices time after time." The writer points to the endless work of the priests and that they stood daily to fulfill their duties while knowing it would never end.

- **Is this what life feels like right now? Endless? Fruitless? Monotonous?**

## BUT THIS MAN

- This Man receives sinners (Luke 15:2).
- This Man has done nothing wrong (Luke 23:41).
- This Man is without fault (Luke 23:4).
- This Man has a permanent priesthood (Hebrews 7:24).
- This Man is Jesus.
- **This Man sat down because the final sacrifice had been offered. He will never have to stand again to deal with sin.**

## WAITING

While He is sitting, we find this lone sentence that reminds us Jesus is not a weak, helpless martyr. We are reminded that there have been, and still are, those who choose to reject Him and live as His enemies.

- **We live in a time of grace, but one day that will end and the day of vengeance will come. That day belongs to Christ.**

## PERFECTED FOREVER

Because Jesus was the one perfect offering for sin, we know that His perfect sacrifice was complete. He fulfilled all offerings. He fulfilled all promises. He fulfilled all prophecy.

- Because of His work, we are "perfected forever" if we are Christ followers.
- **This means forever forgiven, righteous, and perfect in the eyes of God.**

## NO MORE (HEBREWS 10:15-18) BELIEVE IT WHEN GOD SAYS IT

The writer has made some powerful claims. The old system is gone. Christ is superior to all things. Every authentic follower is completely forgiven and sin has been removed as testified by the Holy Spirit.

- **It is odd that we believe the Holy Spirit has infinite power and is the true author of Scripture, but we still do not believe that we are forgiven.**

## JEREMIAH 31:33

We have seen this before but now we see something more. The new covenant brings a new character to God's people.

- We now have a desire to love Him in such a way that our will is surrendered to His will.
- We submit ourselves to Him now, following Christ in a way that is pleasing to Him (Romans 12:1-2).
- **We say yes because we want to. This is authentic worship.**

## FORGIVENESS OF THESE

The writer once again clarifies that Christ was the final sacrifice for their sin: past, present, and future.

- There would be no need for animal sacrifice. This was good for these Believers, doves, bulls, goats, lambs, and countless others.
- **What are we still sacrificing? What does our list look like? Why are we so hardheaded?**

## BELIEF

- We have strong beliefs.
- **We believe if we will work hard with what we have, we will eventually succeed.**
- **That may work in the world culture. When we transfer that over to God's desire, we will fall short because WE do not have enough desire or will to succeed based on believing in ourselves.**

## DISAPPOINTMENT

- We cannot do this alone.
- **When we realize we cannot do it alone, we become disappointed in ourselves, others, and the system.**
- **Our real problem is that we created a system in our own minds based on our desires and pleasures. There are as many systems as there are people.**

## ONE WAY

- God ended a system with the Savior.
- **Our Savior, Jesus Christ, is the answer to our broken beliefs and useless systems.**
- **Stop trying to earn it! Believing that we are forgiven, holy, righteous, and loved is not the mark of pride. It is believing and following the One who calls us to live in surrender and obedience to Him. Are we living like we have been forgiven?**