Lesson 15 – Hebrews 10:1-18 Jesus, the Once-For-All Sacrifice!
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(1) For since the Law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never --- by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year --- make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

(5) Consequently, when Christ came into the world, He said,

> "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;
> In burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.
> Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" (Psalm 40:6-8, Greek Septuagint version)

(8) When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings" (these are offered according to the Law), then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

(11) And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

(15) And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

> "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord;
> I will put My laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"
> Then He adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

(18) Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<u>Think on these things:</u>

1) Let's begin with a quick review of Old Testament Law. V. 1 here says God's Law --- The 10 Commandments, and much more found in Exodus and Leviticus --- is only a "shadow" of good things to come. Read Galatians 3:19 and 24-25, and find out God's "purpose" for the Law.

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2) What can animal sacrifices "never" do for worshipers trying to draw near to God (vs. 1, 4)?

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3) When it speaks here of worshipers being made perfect, what does this mean (v. 2). Also keep in mind Hebrews 9:9-10.

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4) What, in fact, is the effect of making annual animal sacrifices as an act of worship (v. 3)? Also quickly look back at Hebrews 9:13 when developing your answer.

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5) It may seem odd that God takes no pleasure in animal sacrifices, because He is the one who instituted the sacrificial system for His people (the Jews). In Isaiah 1:11 it records, "The multitude of your sacrifices --- what are they to Me?" says the Lord. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats." From the verses below, what has God always wanted instead of religious rituals?

1 Samuel 15:22 - _____

Psalm 51:16-17 - _____

Hosea 6:6 - _____

6) V. 9 says Christ coming to do the "will" of God caused the first covenant to be set aside as the second was established. According to v. 10, what has been accomplished for believers in Jesus' once-and-for-all sacrificial offering?

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7) After Jesus' one-time sacrifice for mankind's sin, what does Hebrews tell us happened next, and for how long? For an interesting confirmation, look quickly at Acts 7:54-56.

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8) Recalling the use of the term "perfect" from Q3 above, what has Jesus' sacrifice accomplished for believers?

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9) In Hebrews Lesson 11, we reviewed the Jeremiah 31 quotation repeated here in v. 16. See how v. 18 is the nail in the coffin on today's topic: once our sins have been fully forgiven through the work of Jesus, there is no longer any need for the animal sacrifice system that never perfected us (i.e., cleared our consciences). Let's close by considering v. 17. What is God's promise for us who come to Him through the new covenant of faith in Jesus?

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People and situations I want to pray for this week: