

HEBREWS 10

- **Jesus' one sacrifice superior to annual animal sacrifices (1-10)**

1. Yearly animal sacrifices insufficient to remove sin & guilt (1-4)
2. Jesus' sacrifice once for all a sufficient replacement (5-10; Ps 40:6-8)

- **Jesus' service superior to priests' service (11-14)**

1. Priests stand & continually sacrifice (11)
2. Jesus sacrificed once & "sat down" with Father, crushing enemies (12-14; Ps 110:1)

- **Jesus' new covenant (15-18)**

1. Obedience to law by Spirit (15-16; Je 31:33)
2. Total forgiveness by gospel through Christ (17-18; Je 31:34)

- **Review: Jesus is superior to**

1. Prophets because He's the Word
2. Angels because He's God
3. Moses because He's the Son
4. Priests because He's perfect
5. Sacrifices because He's sufficient...

- **Therefore, Christians have (19-21)**

1. Confidence to enter heaven by Jesus' blood through His body (19-20)
 - *Like entering Most Holy Place with blood through curtain (Ex 26:31-35; Mk 15:38)*
2. Priest in Jesus over Church (21)

- **And Christians should (22-25)**

1. Approach God confidently, guilt-free & cleansed (22)
2. Hold on without wavering (23)
3. Stimulate others to love & actions (24)
4. Not abandon gathering together (25)
5. Strengthen others for faith & obedience as Judgment Day approaches (25)

- **Intentional, continual apostasy unforgivable (26-31)**

1. Rejects sin's only sufficient sacrifice—Jesus (26)
2. Brings judgment (27)
 - *Like rejecting OT laws (28-29; Nu 15:30-31; Dt 17:2-7)*
 - *From God Himself (30-31; Dt 32:35-36)*

- **Remain faithful amid persecution (32-39)**

1. As in past (32-34)
2. For future reward of heaven (35-39; Hb 2:3-4)

- **Nero's (54-68 AD) persecution of Christians**

1. Supposedly started fire in Rome to rebuild areas
2. Accused Christians to divert attention (64 AD)
3. Crucified, burned at stake, & fed Christians to dogs dressed in animal skins



HEBREWS 11

- **Interpretation (what verse means—1 meaning)**
- **Application (how to use verse—many uses)**
 1. ISWEEP: Instruction, Sin, Warning, Example, Encouragement, Promise
- **Faith in God defined (1-2)**
 1. Confident hope
 2. Proof or certainty of invisible
- **Faith in creation by God (3; Ge 1-2)**
 1. Seen with insight (Ro 1:20)
- **Faith in God displayed by (4-31)**
 1. Abel's offering (4; Ge 4:2-8)
 2. Enoch's life (5-6; Ge 5:21-24)
 3. Noah's construction of Ark (7; Ge 6-9)
 4. Abraham's (8-19)
 - *Move to Promised Land (8-10; Ge 12:1-9)*
 - *Belief he'd have son in old age (11-12; Ge 15:1-6)*
 - *Offering of Isaac believing he'd be resurrected (17-19; Ge 21:1-21; 22:1-19)*
 5. Isaac's blessing of sons (20; Ge 27:1-40)
 6. Jacob's blessing & worship in old age (21; Ge 47:28-31; 48:8-22)
 7. Joseph's belief in Exodus from Egypt (22; Ge 50:24-25; Ex 13:19)
 8. Moses' (23-29)
 - *Parents' obedience to God rather than Pharaoh (23; Ex 2:1-4)*
 - *Decision to be a child of God rather than a child of Pharaoh (24-26; Ex 2:5-10)*
 - *Decision to live like a shepherd (27; Ex 2:11-22)*
 - *Passover ritual during 10th plague—death of firstborn (28; Ex 11-12)*
 - *Crossing of Red Sea (29; Ex 13:17-14:31)*
 9. Joshua's battle of Jericho (30; Js 6)
 10. Rahab's protection of spies (31; Js 2)
- **Faith in God also displayed by (32)**
 1. Gideon—defeated Midianites using only 300 men (Jg 7)
 2. Barak—defeated Canaanite chariots on foot (Jg 4-5)
 3. Samson—defeated Philistines after losing sight (Jg 13-16)
 4. Jephthah—defeated Ammonites after being cast out by family as son of prostitute (Jg 11)
 5. David—defeated Goliath with slingshot (1 Sa 17)
 6. Samuel—defeated Philistines & had peace (1 Sa 7)
 7. Prophets throughout OT
- **Faith in God displayed by many others (33-40)**

HEBREWS 12

- **Because of faithful examples & like Olympian (1-3)**
 1. Get rid of all impediments & constricting sin (1; Co 3:5)
 2. Endure (1; Ja 1:12)
 3. Focus on Jesus since He (2-3; 2 Co 4:16-17)
 - *Is "Captain & Champion" of faith*
 - *Endured opposition, focusing on future*
 - *Finished His work & rules (1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12)*

- **Suffering (4-13)**

1. In form of loss of respect & property, not blood--yet (4; 10:33-34)
2. As form of love, as God's sons (5-9; Pr 3:11-12)
3. To grow spiritually more like God (10-13; Ro 5:3-5; Ja 1:2-4)
 - *Exercised in righteousness & peace* (11)
 - *Be strong so weak in faith don't fall away* (12-13; Pr 4:26; Ro 15:1-2)

- **Witnessing by being (14-17)**

1. Peaceful & holy—so people can “see” God (14; Mt 5:16; Ro 12:18)
2. Forgiving, without bitterness—so people can “see” God's forgiveness (15; Ep 4:31-32)
3. Faithful to spouse & God—keeping “inheritance”, not rejecting it like Esau for temporary relief (16-17; Ge 25:29-34; 27:34-38)

- **Don't return to Mt. Sinai—the Law (18-21; Ex 19:10-25)**

1. Physical emphasis (18)
2. Frightening (18)
3. Condemning (19-21; Ex 19:12-13; Dt 9:19)

- **Stay on Mt. Zion—the Gospel (22-24)**

1. Spiritual emphasis (22)
2. Joyful (22)
3. Saving (23)
 - *Church of firstborn—believers with privileges as God's children* (23)
 - *Jesus' blood of mercy rather than Abel's blood of vengeance* (24; Ge 4:10)

- **Fear God (25-29)**

1. Israel was judged for rebelling (25)
2. World will be judged (26-27; Hg 2:6)
3. His kingdom will endure forever (28-29; Dt 4:24)

HEBREWS 13

- **Final Commands (1-19)**

1. Have brotherly love (1)
2. Use hospitality—like Abraham (2; Ge 18)
3. Remember persecuted (3)
4. Save sex for marriage (4)
5. Be content & don't love money—God provides (5-6; Dt 31:6; Ps 148:6-7)
6. Follow your spiritual forefathers' examples—consistent Christian living (7-8)
7. Avoid false teachings—remember grace saves, not law (9-10)
8. Suffer for Jesus—we have something better to look forward to (11-14)
9. Praise God always (15)
10. Live righteously (16)
11. Submit to & obey spiritual authorities (17)
12. Pray (18-19)

- **Benediction & closing (20-25)**