

## **THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 2/20-21/2023 Hebrews 10**

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### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Chapter 10 – Encouragement – vs. 19-25; 5<sup>th</sup> Danger Signal: Peril of Despising vs. 26-39!**

**Animal Sacrifices Insufficient – vs. 1-4; Christ's Death Fulfills God's Will – vs. 5-10;**

**Christ's Death Perfects the Sanctified – vs. 11-18; Hold Fast Your Confession – vs. 19-25; The Just Live by Faith! – vs. 26-39.**

- **Jesus is better** than angels, better than Moses, a better forever **High Priest**, a better covenant, a better sanctuary, and now, a better **sacrifice!**
- **Hebrews Chapter 10** - Carries on with the thought from the previous chapter. In the ninth chapter, he

is talking about the heavenly sanctuary.

- **(Heb 9:28)** *so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*

### **Christ's Sacrifice Once for All - A Superior Sacrifice!**

**Heb 10:1** *For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.*

- **For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things.** It is only a foreshadowing. It was a type of and foreshadowed the good things to come. Paul, talking about the holy days, the sacrifices for the new moons, the sabbath days and all, he said that the things were a shadow of the things to come. The substance is Jesus! These were all foreshadowing Jesus and His sacrifice for us. These were only a shadow of the things to come. They were not the very image of the things. They were just foreshadowing that, which is to come.
- **They can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.** The law could only provide a covering for your sin. It could not put away your sin! It could only give you a foreshadowing of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God., who would take away the sins of the world. You remember when John announced Him, he said, behold, the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world! Not covers the sin but takes away the sins of the world. The sacrifices of the Old Testament, under the law, could not take away sin. They could not make you perfect.

**Heb 10:2** *For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified (cleansed), would have had no more consciousness of sins.*

- **For then would they not have ceased to be offered? If the one sacrifice had been sufficient,** then, why would they have to do it, year after year after year after year? If they could be perfect, if they were complete, would they not have then just ceased to be offered? They would have done it once and that would have been sufficient.
- **For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.** Once your sins have actually been put away, you shouldn't have a consciousness of your sins any longer.

**Heb 10:3** *But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.*

- **The sacrifices gave you a constant reminder of your sin.** They didn't put away your sin, but only reminded you of how sinful you really are! The promise of the new covenant was that the sin would be removed and even God would "*remember" their sins "no more."* We need to be Savior focused as opposed to be sin focused!

**Heb 10:4** *For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.*

- **It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sin, but rather is a reminder of sin.** The Hebrew word is, *kaphar*. He shall make an atonement, in our English Bible, but in the Hebrew, he shall make a *kaphar*, which literally is a covering. Under the Old Testament sacrifices, their sins were covered. They were not put away. Thereby those who died under the law, the Old Testament saints, died in faith, as we will, the crossover into the next chapter. He is going to talk about all of these men of faith. They died in faith, but they didn't receive the promise because it was impossible that their sins could be put away in the sacrifices of bulls and goats, which could not put away sin, but only cover it. That blood could never provide a complete solution to any sin.
- **But Jesus, in His onetime sacrifice, has put away our sins!** Therefore, it is not necessary for Him, every year, to be crucified. It is not necessary for His sacrifice to be made over and over again. His sacrifice is complete! It is perfect! It is sufficient! He gave Himself once and for all! Never again will it be necessary for the Son of God to give Himself for sin! That is an accomplished fact! Once and for all! **(1Jn 1:7)** *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (continually cleanses) us from all sin!*

**A Divine Dialogue (read and think about – our problem and His solution!)** between the Son and the Father, concerning the eternity past on through to the present! His will for our lives must be anchored on this!

**Heb 10:5** *Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU DID NOT DESIRE, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED* (taking on a physical frame, fashioned by the Divine hand of God!) *FOR ME.*

**Heb 10:6** *IN BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES FOR SIN YOU HAD NO PLEASURE.*

**Heb 10:7** *THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME—IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME—TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.'* "

- **Quoting (Psalm 40:6-8) from the LXX (Septuagint) version of the Hebrew**, which was an accurate representation for Greek readers. This does not represent a significant alteration in the meaning of the (Psa 40:6-8) *Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. [7] Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book, it is written of me. [8] I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."* (NKJV).
- **Most of the New Testament quotations from the Old Testament are taken** from the Septuagint.
- **When the Jews returned from their Babylonian captivity**, very few of them spoke Hebrew. Greek was the language of the world at that time because of Alexander the Great's conquests. Because the Jews could not read Hebrew, they could not read the Old Testament, their own law, and their prophets. They felt that they needed the Scriptures in a language that they could read. So about 240 years before Christ, seventy (Septuagint) scholars that set upon the task of translating the Hebrew into Greek.
- **There is basically so significant change in the meaning. Words sometimes are different.** *My ears you have opened*, is the Septuagint. *A body You have prepared for me* is the Hebrew in the Psalms. But they basically, mean the same thing. Both can be thought of as a reference to the committing of yourself to the will of God as a bonds slave.
- **If a Hebrew servant had served out his allotted time as a slave**, saying, well, I like it here. I really am quite satisfied. I would like to just stay here. (Exo 21:5-6) *But if the servant plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free, [6] then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.* Then they would put the ring in your ear. That ring was a sign that you were a slave by choice. You were submitting to the will, by choice.
- **Jesus, similarly, willingly submitted Himself to the will of the Father**, especially in going to the cross and dying for our sins. *Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU DID NOT DESIRE, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME.* Or, you have pierced my ear, in the Hebrew: *IN BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES FOR SIN YOU HAD NO PLEASURE. THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME—IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME—TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.*
- **Applying this to our Lord Jesus Christ, we have one of the most beautiful pictures in Scripture.** When He came to the end of that ministry, He could have stepped off this earth, gone back to heaven, leaving you and me in the slavery of sin. But He so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. Instead of His ear being pierced with an awl, He was given a body, to die on the Cross. (Heb 10:10) *By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.* Referring to that law in Exodus, if a master gave his slave a woman to marry, and he loved her, he could choose to stay in slavery with her. Similarly, the Lord Jesus Christ has been given the body of believers which we call the church as His bride. (Joh 17:9b) *For those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.* The Lord loves us; He paid the price for us. But the interesting thing is that He didn't stay in slavery; He went back to the right hand of the Majesty on high. Any day now, He is going to take us out of this earth to be with Him! He alone could do that! How wonderful this is!

**Heb 10:8** *Previously saying, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING, BURNT OFFERINGS, AND OFFERINGS FOR SIN YOU DID NOT DESIRE, NOR HAD PLEASURE IN THEM" (which are offered according to the law),*

- **In the Old Testament, God did speak of the fact that He really was not pleased** with their sacrifices. He said, when you lift up your hands in prayer, I will not hear you because your hands are filled with blood.

- *(1Sa 15:22) So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams!* Saul had been commanded of God to utterly wipe out the Amalekites, their animals and everything else. He didn't do it, saying, they were so nice, I'll bring them back and offer them as a sacrifice to God. Their sacrifices had become just a ritual, a religious thing. Like the many who just go to church on Christmas and Easter, or on Sunday mornings and once they've done that, that's it. It's a pattern, a habit, not really a meaningful gathering to come into contact with God!
- **After David had sinned, after he had gone into Bathsheeba** and that whole nasty episode. When faced with his guilt, he confessed. *(Psa 51:16) For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.* David recognized that his sin was so grievous. It was a sin that he had committed knowing that he was doing wrong.
- **God said in (Isa 1:11) "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?" Says the LORD. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats. Their heart was not in it. God wants our hearts! He does not want just outward perfunctory kinds of service from us. He wants our hearts! He longs to fellowship with us!**

*Heb 10:9 then He said, "**BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD." He takes away the first that He may establish the second.***

- **He takes away the first, that is the first covenant.** That approach to God by the offerings and the sacrifices, which God said He was sick of.
- **That He may establish the second. That is, access to God for all, through Him.** He became the Mediator between God and man! He became our great High Priest. He didn't enter into the holy of holies of the temple, here on earth, but He entered into heaven itself of which the temple was just a mere foreshadowing of the real, the true, which is heaven itself!

*Heb 10:10 By that will we have been sanctified (permanently set apart!) **through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.***

- **It's not an annual thing, but only once! So much better it is this new and living way in Jesus!** It is not an annual event, where we are annually reminded of our guilt, but it is a "*once for all.*" But we look back at the finished work of Jesus, realizing that He was the perfect sacrifice, the complete sacrifice! Nothing more is needed and nothing more can be added to it! Why go back to *the shadow*?

*Heb 10:11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.*

- **The blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sin!** They could only cover! Jesus took away our sin! We need to realize that. There is therefore now no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus.
- **Jesus said, the Father did not send Me into the world to condemn the world,** but that the world through Me might be saved. He that believes in Me is not condemned. Your sins have been taken away!
- **You, who are in Jesus Christ, you have put your trust and faith in Him and are walking in faith** in Him, though we may stumble, though we may falter, God does not even make a record of it! Our sins have been covered! Our sins have been forgiven! They've been put away!
- **Jesus took away our sin in His death upon the cross,** something that the Old Testament sacrifices could never do, that were not designed to do, all they were designed to do was to point ahead to Jesus, who would be the perfect sacrifice for man's sin.

*Heb 10:12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,*

- **It is done! The redemption is a finished work! On the cross, He cried, it is finished!** The work of redemption, it's a finished work! He sat down! He is seated! There's nothing that you can do to add to what God has already done, as far as your redemption is concerned! It is a finished work! You are complete in Him!

**Heb 10:13** from that time waiting (in expectation and anticipation!) till His enemies are made His footstool.

- (Psa 110:1) The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." Right now, the earth, the world is under the power of Satan. But one day, Satan's rule is going to come to an end. But as men today are rebelling against God's authority more and more, the world is ripening now for the judgment of God. Right now, He made the sacrifice, and He is just there waiting, until the Father has accomplished His purposes and subdued the enemy. The Lord will then come to reign, in expectation and anticipation *until His enemies are made His footstool!*

**Heb 10:14** For by one offering He has perfected (brought to completion) forever those who are being sanctified (set apart).

- **He has delivered and will perfectly deliver those that are brought over to Him, from all** the guilt, power, and punishment of sin, and will put them into the sure possession of perfect holiness, intense happiness, and joy! This is what the Levitical priesthood could never do! If we are aiming at perfection, we must receive the Lord Jesus, as the only High Priest that can bring us to that state!
- **We find here five of the most important words** in the Hebrews epistle: **Sanctified!** **He has perfected!** **Forever!** **Offering, (sacrifice)!** **One!** Isn't that glorious? By His one offering, your sins have been taken care of forever—by His one offering!

**Heb 10:15** *But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before,*

**Heb 10:16** **"THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR HEARTS, AND IN THEIR MINDS I WILL WRITE THEM,"**

**Heb 10:17** *then He adds, "THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."*

- **The writer confirms his interpretation of Psa 40:6-8 by repeating from Jer 31:31-34** what he had already quoted in **Heb 8:8-12**.
- **That is the glorious thing about God's forgiveness. THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE.** We talk about God's forgiveness. We don't understand the term because we think of it in our terms. We remember too, ourselves. Satan so often is using our past sins as a hammer to beat us down. He is reminding us of the evil that was in our hearts, the evil that we did. And he puts us into remembrance to bring us into condemnation.
- **But the glorious thing is that God said He won't remember them!** Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more! I mean if that does not make you want to shout, what will? God does not remember my sin! For that reason, it's not a good idea to remind Him! Accept the fact that you have been cleansed. You've been forgiven and He doesn't remember them!

**The Full Assurance of Faith – Complete affirmation for the believer!**

**Heb 10:18** *Now where there is remission (forgiveness) of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.*

- **There is no necessity to have the annual, The Day of Atonement. Yom Kippur. There is no necessity of having the daily sacrifices anymore. The sacrifice is complete!** Thus, there is not the constant remembrance year after year of oh, we sinned, oh, we sinned, oh, we sinned, you know. That has gone because it's a complete sacrifice and we just rest in that finished work of Jesus! Christ's offering was a once-for-all sacrifice which is superior to all the sacrifices of the Levitical system!

**A major transition here! This is the result of all the doctrine now.**

**Heb 10:19** *Therefore, brethren, having boldness (confidence, in assurance, not arrogantly) to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,*

- **A major transition here! This is the result of all the doctrine now. It gives us boldness to enter into the holiest, into the Holy of Holies, by the blood of Jesus.** We can come into the presence of God through the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. But not only can we come in, but we can come in boldly! Now the Old Testament high priest went in fearfully. He never knew if he would come out. If there was a flaw within the sacrifice, he would be smitten dead in the presence of God. So, he went in with great fear, but we can come in boldly, being completely confident that because of the sacrifice of Jesus, His blood, which was shed for our sins!

**Heb 10:20** by a new and living way (in time and nature - access and advocacy!) which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

- **We come in by a new and living way, not under the old covenant of the law,** with all of its prescriptions. But we come in by this new and living way. Jesus died for our sins! But He rose again for our justification! He ever lives to make intercession for us! We come, not with the dead sacrifices, but we come in the living Lord! He is the door into the sheepfold. We enter, by Him, into the presence of God, boldly, by the new and the living way—the living Lord!
- **Which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh.** In the Old Testament, the things were consecrated by the sacrifice, by the blood of the sacrifices. But Jesus has consecrated this way for us, through His own body. When Jesus' flesh was torn at His crucifixion, so was the temple veil that symbolically separated people from God's presence. The veil, so to speak, that separated man from God, in Jesus, was removed. **Therefore, we have access, the boldness of access through Him!**

**Heb 10:21** and having a High Priest over the house of God,

- **Secondly, we have a High Priest over the house of God!** As believers, you and I are the house of God. That is, God dwells in the midst of His people. God dwells in the church. Jesus said (**Mat 18:20**) For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them. There He dwells among His people. The Bible speaks of the church as being the dwelling place, the household of God, the dwelling place of God and dwelling among us. Our High Priest over the house of God!

**Heb 10:22** let us draw near with a true (genuine – Godward, faith) heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

- **How do we respond? As the result, first of all, Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.** (**Jas 4:8a**) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. But you can do so in full assurance! Faith in Jesus, He completed the work! Nothing can be added. So, I can be fully assured, no doubts, no qualms, no hesitation!
- **Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience,** I can come into the presence of God, in full assurance drawing near to Him in full assurance! That is, through Jesus Christ, the evil conscience, the conscience of the evil that I have done is gone! My conscience is clear! I can sleep at night. Jesus bore my sins for me! He has put them away! He does not remember them.
- **And our bodies washed with pure water.** The priest would go through the bathing processes in this laver that was outside. He would wash himself, take a bath, and put on the clean robes and so forth, to go into the presence of God. But how much better, we are washed through the blood of Jesus Christ and made perfectly clean!

**Heb 10:23** Let us hold fast (unswervingly, don't let go!) the confession of our hope (toward self – hope) without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

- **Secondly, Let us hold fast!** Holding on, or the perseverance of the saints, is the human side of eternal security. It is not something done to maintain salvation, but is rather an evidence of salvation, proof of real faith.
- **The confession of our hope.** Affirmation of salvation. Christ is the center of our confession of faith in the gospel, both in creed and public testimony. The term is used again in (**Heb 4:14; 10:23**). In all three uses in Hebrews, there is a sense of urgency. Surely, the readers would not give up Christ, whom they had professed, and reject what He had done for them, if they could understand the superiority of His person and work.
- **Without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.** The idea is not to follow any inclination that leads back to the old covenant. The same Greek term is used of enduring torture. Persecution will come (**2Ti 3:12**) Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution, but God is faithful. Temptations will abound, (**1Co 10:13b**) but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. God's promises are reliable, (**1Th 5:24**) He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. With that confidence, the believer can persevere!

**Heb 10:24** *And let us* (all of us!) consider one another (toward the church – love) in order to stir up love and good works,

- **Then thirdly, Let us consider one another, how to stir up, to provoke one another to love and good works.** The purpose and part of the purpose of the church is for exhortation, that we might be encouraged to good works, encouraged to seek the Lord, encouraged to forsake the things of the world, encouraged to walk close to Christ. That's a part of the reason for our gathering is for the exhortation, as well as edification, being built up in our faith, and to be comforted in the Scriptures. To grow in our understanding and knowledge of the purpose and will of God for our lives. Let us consider how that we can just encourage one another to love and to good works! How often, when I consider others, do I think of things which do not stir up love and good works in them?

**Heb 10:25** *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting* (encourage, be a positive pest!) *one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

- **Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some,** who had forsaken the assembling with the church. Experiencing His presence; collective and corporate worship; the truth of His word; obedience, are such a vital part of spiritual life! The warning here is against apostasy in an end times context. The reference is to *the approaching "Day,"* is the second coming of Christ. **(2Th 2:1)** *Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together (assembling) to Him, we ask you. (Tit 2:13) looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*
- **But exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the Day approaching.** How much more as we are living in the last days and evil is abounding? Jesus said, **(Mat 24:12)** *And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.* Truly they are! Look at where we are today, morally, compared to where we were fifty years ago! Twenty-five years ago! I mean we are going down to the pit in an exponential rate of speed! Moral decay, decline!

**Severe warning! 5<sup>th</sup> Danger Signal: Peril of Despising! Think of loss involved if we turn away!**

**Heb 10:26** *For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,*

**Heb 10:27** *but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.*

- **The sin that he is referring to here, is the sin of apostasy!** This not talking about the child of God in backsliding! This is apostasy, turning your back on Jesus! Turning away from Jesus and seeking now, salvation through the law or by some other process.
- **If you sin willfully, that is turning your back on Jesus,** who died for our sins, there after you have received the knowledge of the truth in Jesus, there *remains no more sacrifice for sin!* That little goat, that little lamb, that ox that you take to the priests, and you lay your hand, confess your sins, that doesn't do it! There is no other sacrifice. There is only one sacrifice for our sins that God will accept, and that is the blood of His only begotten Son, that was shed for us! There is no more sacrifice. So this is the sin of turning away from the truth of Jesus Christ, turning your back on Him.
- **Knowledge of the truth.** The Greek term denotes specific knowledge, not general spiritual knowledge. **(1Ti 2:4)** *who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.* Though the knowledge was not defective or incomplete, the application of the knowledge was certainly flawed. Judas Iscariot is a good example of a disciple who had no lack of knowledge, but lacked faith and became the arch-apostate.
- **There no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.** The apostate is beyond salvation because he has rejected the only sacrifice that can cleanse him from sin and bring him into God's presence. To turn away from that sacrifice leaves him with no saving alternative. This is parallel to **(Mat 12:31)** *Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.*

**Heb 10:28** *Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.*

- **If you would say something blasphemous against the law of Moses,** being in Israel, if two or three people would testify that they heard you blaspheming the law, they would take you out and stone you

to death.

- **A good illustration is Ahab's evil taking of Naboth's vineyard**, whereby Jezebel hired two crooked witness to testify that Naboth had blasphemed God, resulting in his being put to death on the testimony of these two witnesses!

**Heb 10:29** *Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled (shown contempt) the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing and insulted the Spirit of grace?*

- **If under Moses' law, you died without mercy because of two or three witnesses against you, how much worse do you suppose the punishment will be for:**
  - 1) *those who have trampled the Son of God underfoot,*
  - 2) *counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and*
  - 3) *insulted the Spirit of grace?*—God's Spirit that had called them? The punishment that will be meted out by God, is unthinkable for those who would despise the Son of God and God's provision for their salvation. Count the blood of His covenant an unholy thing! They have insulted the Spirit of grace. They have put themselves in the category of being an adversary of God! Vs. 27

**Heb 10:30** *For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."*

**Heb 10:31** *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

- **Do not put yourself there! Draw near and remain in Christ! Sin is a big, big, deal!**
- **Have people actually done that? Have they turned their backs on Jesus**, denied the faith that they once professed, count now the sacrifice of Jesus as just nothing, have done despite to the Spirit of grace?
- **One example is that of Charles Templeton**, who in his earlier years was a tremendous evangelist, used of God in big campaigns in Canada. He was very active in the Youth for Christ movement. He turned many people to Jesus Christ. But he recently, in 1996, has written a book, *Farewell to God*, in which he denounces the belief in God. He denounces the Bible. He denounces, as folly, the faith he once had in Jesus Christ. He said he has developed intellectually beyond the ability to any longer, accept the myths and the fallacies of the Bible!
- **The Scripture here is speaking about such people. And it is a warning!** *How much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? It's a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.* So, the warning against turning away, turning your back on Jesus, on the faith that you once had in Him!

**Heb 10:32** *But recall (think carefully) the former days in which, after you were illuminated (enlightened), you endured a great struggle with sufferings:*

- **Remember when you first accepted Jesus Christ, the afflictions, the persecution** that you went through, the former days?
- **In this section, a word of encouragement is presented to counterbalance the preceding grave warning.** The writer points out that the Hebrews' former experiences should stimulate them, the nearness of reward should strengthen them, and the fear of God's displeasure should prevent them from going back to Judaism.

**Heb 10:33** *partly while you were made a spectacle (put on stage) both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated;*

- **Your new friends and the new fellowship that you had**, the things that you endured, the sneering remarks and all? Remember those, Paul, or the writer, said, and I think that it was Paul. I think we have here the proof in verse 34 or at least evidence.
- **In the NT, there are examples of those who willingly exposed themselves** to possible arrest and harassment because they sought to help those who were persecuted for their faith. Surprisingly, on one occasion, the Pharisees were among them. The Pharisees warned Jesus about Herod's pending

attempt on Jesus' life (*Luk 13:31*). Among genuine believers who might be given as examples of helping the persecuted, there was Onesiphorus (*2Ti 1:16-18*).

***Heb 10:34 for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering (confiscation) of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.***

- ***For you had compassion on me in my chains.*** Paul spent a lot of time in prison. This could very well be one of Paul's prison epistles. His knowledge, his knowledge of the Old Testament law, really came from a background of a rabbi. I agree with most commentators that Paul is the author of the Book of Hebrews. He likely held the writer's quill, but we know the Holy Spirit is really the Author!
- ***For you joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.*** It's an interesting thing how that when we declare our faith in God and our love for God, that oftentimes God allows our love or our faith to be put to the test. Satan said, concerning Job, he only loves you and serves you because you've given him so much. Take it away and he'll curse you. Sometimes, God allows our faith to be tested.

***Heb 10:35 Therefore do not cast (throw) away your confidence, which has great reward.***

- ***Now the exhortation that ties in with this previous warning against turning away, sinning willfully, turning your back on Jesus once you have received this knowledge.***
- ***Do not cast away your confidence in Jesus! Due to their current persecutions, they were tempted*** to run away from their outward identification with Christ and Christians and to apostatize. You are closer than ever to the eternal reward! It is no time to turn back! ***Persevere! Endure!*** It's great reward!

***Vs. 36-39 Chief aids to perseverance – Patience and Faith!***

***Heb 10:36 For you have need of endurance (patience), so that after you have done the will of God (trusting fully, living in His will), you may receive the promise (salvation)!***

- ***Now this is the promise of the coming again of Jesus Christ.*** The exhortation is toward patience, the *need of endurance!*
- ***Regarding the second coming of Jesus, James said, (*Jas 5:8*) You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.*** That we should have patience as we wait for the coming of our Lord. For the Lord is waiting for the complete fruit of harvest. As we look at the conditions of the world and how they are so rapidly deteriorating, it is easy to become impatient. But the Lord of harvest is waiting for the complete fruit of harvest and has great patience towards it.
- ***Peter said, (*2Pe 3:3-5, 9*) knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, [4] and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." [5] For this they willfully forget, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, [9] The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.***
- ***The Lord knows those that are going to come to Jesus Christ!*** He's waiting for them, hopefully, the last of the Gentiles will soon be saved! But the Lord is waiting for the complete fruit of harvest and has great patience towards it.
- ***O let this truth enter deep into your soul, that boldly, patiently doing His will is the way to inherit the promise!***

***Heb 10:37 "FOR YET A LITTLE WHILE, AND HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME AND WILL NOT TARRY (delay).***

- ***So, you have need of endurance, patience, that after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise. FOR YET A LITTLE WHILE, AND HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME AND WILL NOT TARRY (delay).***
- ***We often hear the phrase, "if the Lord tarries."*** We read here ***that He will not tarry!*** While we don't know the date nor the hour of His coming, we can be sure the Christ will come on the day appointed! He will not be late! It is as certain as His first coming to this earth!

**Heb 10:38 NOW THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; BUT IF ANYONE DRAWS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM."**

- **A quotation from (Hab2:3-4), quoted also in Romans and Galatians.** It is an important verse. Each epistle, quoting this verse puts a different emphasis on it. In Romans, the emphasis is upon “the **just** shall live by faith”—how God justifies the sinner. **Here in Hebrews, the emphasis is upon “the just shall live by faith.”** There have been several references to the living God, and this epistle tells of a living intercessor. He is the same one who died on the Cross for us and came back from the dead. The emphasis is upon His resurrection and His being the living Christ at God's right hand. **Therefore since we who are His own have a living God and a living Savior at God's right hand, we shall live by faith!** Our faith is not a leap in the dark. It rests upon the Word of God. The just shall live by faith. Now in the Epistle to the Galatians Paul emphasizes faith; *the just shall live by faith.*
- **Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back.** This is what we were talking about earlier, what's he is talking about—a person that draws back from his faith in Jesus Christ. A man who willfully sins, willfully turns his back, denies Jesus, once having been in the family of God.
- **If any many draws back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.** He is quoting from the Septuagint translation of (Hab 2:3-4).

**Heb 10:39 But we are not of those who draw back (hesitancy, timidity, to apostasy!) to perdition (destruction, everlasting punishment), but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.**

- **This is a confident conclusion.** May we, with confidence, be those who persevere, gaining the promise of God. **We will not draw back into old traditions** or into **an Old Covenant legal relationship** with God, or any other replacement for our eternally perfect Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, our Savior, our eternal High Priest!
- **Oh yes! Let us continue diligently in persevering! The Lord is coming soon!** Have patience! Persevere! In the meantime, enjoy the access that you have to the Father! Have a loving relationship with God, made possible through Jesus Christ, because He loves us and He has provided once and for all, for our guilt and our sins! There is no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus!
- **Let us draw near! Let us hold fast! Let us consider one another!**
- **Draw me nearer, Lord!**

**CLOSING SONG: Heb 10:22 Let us draw near - Draw Me Nearer!**

**I AM THINE, O LORD (DRAW ME NEARER)**—Fanny Crosby/ Doane- Wintley Phipps (3:07 3:10)

*Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died;*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

*1 I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy love to me;*

*But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to Thee.*

*Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died;*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

*2 Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, By the pow'r of grace divine;*

*Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in Thine. [Refrain]*

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**Read and meditate over Hebrews Chapter 11!**