



Daily Verse and Comment

Hebrews 10:5-10

(5) For this reason, when He comes into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but You have prepared a body for Me. (6) You did not delight in burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin. (7) Then said I, 'Lo, I come (*as it is written of Me in the scroll of the book*) to do Your will, O God.' " (8) In the saying above, *He said*, "Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin (which are offered according to the *priestly law*) You did not desire nor delight in"; (9) Then He said, "Lo, I come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first *covenant* in order that He may establish the second *covenant*; (10) By Whose will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

A Faithful Version

Here, Jesus is recognizing His body as a gift given so that the Father's will may be done. Animal sacrifices could not accomplish God's will, but the sacrifice of the sinless God-man, Jesus of Nazareth, could. It has the power to cleanse from [sin](#) so that a New Covenant, a whole new religious order, may be established based on a personal relationship—unparalleled in its intimacy—with our Creator.

A major weakness of animal sacrifices is their failure to produce a desire in the offerer to obey [God](#). No animal life is equal in value to a human life. Though we may grieve at the loss of a pet, an animal's sacrificial death cannot have a real impact because it will not motivate us to do anything. But when a *human* dies for us, we feel it! We feel we owe something in return; indebtedness arises from our gratitude for what the sacrifice accomplished.

In our case, **the most valuable Life ever lived was given**. Gratitude, worship, and obedience are the only appropriate responses to such a sacrificial gift as the body of [Jesus Christ](#). There is no other acceptable sacrifice for sin that will allow us to continue living.

The theme of [Passover](#) is the awesome cost of salvation, which is manifested in the sinless sacrifice of Jesus Christ. His was not a mechanical sinlessness, but He was sinless, innocent, even while encumbered with the frailties of human nature just as we are. His was sinlessness with sympathy, empathy, compassion, [kindness](#), and concern for the helpless slaves of sin.

Understanding this, we should feel revulsion that our sins caused such an injustice as His death to occur. At the same time, we should also express appreciation, indebtedness, and thanksgiving by departing from sin.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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