

### Background Information

The sacrifices prescribed by the law prefigured Christ's ultimate sacrifice. They were repeated year after year, the very repetition bearing testimony that the perfect, sin removing sacrifice had not been offered yet.

The author has argued for the superiority of Christ as a Priest after the order of Melchizedek over the Levitical priests. The superiority of Christ's priestly ministry entailed a superior sacrifice. The law could never make the worshiper perfect. Christ our superior sacrifice **perfects** the New-Covenant worshiper.

The sanctuary was reserved for the service of the priests, but the most holy place could be entered by the high priest alone, and even he could enter only one day a year. But Jesus perfect sacrifice opened the way, so that His followers could join Him in the full presence of God. The prophetic Psalm 40 tells us, "Not sacrifices, but rather a body to do God's will" is the ultimate sacrifice.

"The same Savior Who died for you now lives for you  
and invites you to come into His presence to worship and to share your needs."

Warren Wiersbe

## LOOKING FOR GOLD - WHAT DOES IT SAY?



The first step in mining for gold is getting the lay of the land. **Carefully observe the text** looking to see where you might dig to find hidden treasure. **Mark your text** looking for repeated words, contrasts or similarities. Look for answers to, Who? What? When? Where? Why or How?

*Setting the scene:* You may want to begin your reading with Lev 16: especially v. 34, Ps. 40, Ps.51:16-17, Jn. 1:14, Col. 2:11-17

### Hebrews 10:1-4

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. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those *sacrifices* there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

### Digging Deeper



Dig deeper using other resources such as a dictionary, concordance, maps & cross-references. Notate where you found it to share with the group. Look for commands to obey or questions to be answered. What does God want you to know about Himself?

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**Hebrews 10:5-10**

5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

"Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,  
But a body You have prepared for Me.

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin  
You had no pleasure.

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.'

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), 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. 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.



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## BOILING IT DOWN – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



What **lesson** can I draw from my observations?

State each lesson in a simple sentence (aim for 10 words or less).

Hebrews 10:1–4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Hebrews 10:5-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Hebrews 10:11-18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## REFINED AS GOLD – HOW CAN I APPLY IT?

How should it change me? Ask yourself, “What **course of action** do I need to take to apply each lesson?” (aim for 10 words or less)

Hebrews 10:1–4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Hebrews 10:5-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Hebrews 10:11–18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CHALLENGE:** Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.

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## STORING UP YOUR TREASURE . . .

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

What differences are there between the O.T. sacrifice and Jesus' sacrifice?

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What are the main differences between the O. T. covenant and the New Covenant?

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What words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.

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**CHECKING FOR CLARITY:** See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

Hebrews 10:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 10:5-10 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 10:11-18 \_\_\_\_\_

**BARS OF GOLD:** State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

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**FLEX YOUR MUSCLES:** Can you discover an O.T. example of this N.T. truth?

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## HIDE YOUR TREASURE IN YOUR HEART

"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," then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Hebrews 10:16-17

Radiating His Truth . . .

The Old Testament brought a reminder of sin, not a remission of sin. - Warren Wiersbe

## *Message Notes*

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