

The Superiority of Jesus Christ's Sacrifice (Hebrews 9:13–10:31)

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Introduction

- I. The Superiority of Jesus Christ's **Position (1:1–4:13)**
- II. The Superiority of Jesus Christ's **Priesthood (4:14–7:28)**
- III. The Superiority of Jesus Christ's **Pact/Covenant (8:1–10:31)**
 - A. Through a Better Covenant (8:1-13)
 - 1. The Point (8:1-6)
 - 2. The Passage (8:7-13)
 - B. In a Better Sanctuary (9:1-12)

50 chapters in the Old Testament
are given over to the description of the Tabernacle and its ministries.

- 1. The Earthly Sanctuary (9:1-10)
 - v. 4 > cf. Exod 16:33-34; Num 17:1-11
 - v. 5 > cf. 8:1

9:8

*the Holy Spirit indicating this,
that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest
while the first tabernacle was still standing.*

- ◆ This way is *a new and living way* which Christ made by His own sacrifice (10:20).
- ◆ Therefore, we can enter the presence of God with *boldness* (10:19) to
 - ◇ *draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith* (10:22)
 - ◇ *come ... to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need* (4:16)

v. 9 > cf. 10:1-4

> “symbolic” = *parable* — The levitical system was an Old Testament parable, an object lesson about what was yet to come in and through Christ.

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2. The Heavenly Sanctuary (9:11, 12) cf. 8:2; 9:24
 - v. 11 > “good things to come” = “eternal redemption”
(v. 12)
 - v. 12 > cf. 13:12
- ◆ Christ’s ministry is in heaven itself. His priesthood is a heavenly priesthood, in the very presence of God.

Message

C. By a Better Sacrifice (9:13–10:31)

1. The Sacrifice is Purer — **Cleansing** (9:13, 14)
 - v. 13 > cf. Num 19
 - v. 14 > “eternal Spirit” cf. vv. 13, 15
“without spot” 1 Pet 1:19
“dead works” Eph 2:1; Rom 6:23
2. The Sacrifice is Surer — **Forgiveness** (9:15-22) cf. 1 John 1:9
 - v. 15 > “mediator” cf. 8:6
“called” cf. 3:1
“eternal inheritance” cf. 1:14; 4:1, 3; 6:13, 15, 17;
10:36; 11:3, 8, 9, 11, 13, 17, 33, 38
 - v. 22 > “blood” cf. Lev 17:11
“almost all things” cf. Dt 21:1-9; water, incense, fire
(Exod 19:10; Lev 15:5; Num 16:46-47; 31:21-24),
and flour (Lev 5:11)
3. The Sacrifice is Higher — **Entrance** (9:23-28)
 - v. 24 > “now to appear”* cf. Lv 16:2 (God appeared to men
— now man appears before God)
*official presentation of a person to report on the
fulfillment of a commission
 - v. 26 > “appeared” cf. Gal 4:4
 - v. 28 > “waiting” cf. Phil 3:20 (eagerly await)
“unto salvation” cf. 1 Pet 1:3-5
4. The Sacrifice is Final — **Rest** (10:1-18; cf. 4:1ff)

Conclusion

5. Application — **Commitment** (10:19-31)

For further study:

IV. The Superiority of Jesus Christ's **Service** (10:32–13:17)

- A. Don't Throw Your Faith Away! (10:32-39)
 - 1. Remember the Beginning of Your Faith (10:32-34)
 - 2. Receiving the Conclusion of Your Faith (10:35-39)
- B. "Faith Is _____" (11:1-19)
 - 1. Faith Is Hope (11:1)
 - 2. Faith Is a Good Testimony (11:2, 3)
 - 3. Faith Is a Better Sacrifice (11:4)
 - 4. Faith Is Pleasing God (11:5, 6)
 - 5. Faith Is Reverence (11:7)
 - 6. Faith Is Obedience (11:8)
 - 7. Faith Is Claiming the Promise (11:9)
 - 8. Faith Is Waiting (11:10)
 - 9. Faith Is Strength (11:11, 12)
 - 10. Faith Is Confession (11:13-16)
 - 11. Faith Is Trust (11:17-19)
- C. A Life of Faith — Moses (11:20-29)
 - 1. Facing Death by Faith (11:20-22)
 - 2. Facing Life by Faith (11:23-29)
 - 3. Facing Challenges by Faith (11:27-29)
- D. Faith of Overcomers (11:30-39)
 - 1. Corporate Faith (11:30)
 - 2. Individual Faith (11:31)
 - 3. Faith Under Mosaic Law (11:32-38)
 - 4. The Perfection of the Ancient Faith (11:39, 40)
- E. Living by Faith Today (12:1–13:17)
 - 1. Exhortation to Persevere in Faith (12:1-3)
 - 2. Exposition of Proverbs 3:11-12 (12:4-13)
 - 3. Exhortation to Live in Peace and Holiness (12:14-17)
 - 4. Exposition of Mt. Sinai Motif (12:18-29)
 - 5. Exhortation to Godly Living (13:1-17)
 - a. Godly Love (13:1-6)
 - b. Godly Faith (13:7-14)
 - c. Godly Obedience (13:15-17)

V. **Conclusion of the Epistle** (13:18-25)