

100 BIBLE LESSONS

Give these lessons to people you visit, youth groups, hospital patients, church visitors and new members. Use them in Sunday School, bus ministry, jail services, nursing homes, Christian schools, small discussion groups and many other places. God's Word will answer your questions and help solve your problems.

LESSON 51 – THE PERFECT SACRIFICE

Isaiah 53:5-6. 700 years before Christ it was prophesied that a sacrifice of healing would come that would result in perfect wholeness, wellness, and soundness. The worshipper that embraced this sacrifice would find perfect acceptance before God.

Read Hebrews 10:1-23 in the Living Bible or a translation of your choice.

1. WE NEED A SACRIFICE THAT – CONTINUALLY – MAKES THE WORSHIPPER PERFECT.

Heb. 10:1 – “The old system of Jewish laws gave only a dim foretaste of the good things Christ would do for us. The sacrifices under the old system were repeated again and again, year after year, but even so they could never save those who lived under their rules.”

2. WHEN THIS SACRIFICE CAME, NO SACRIFICE AGAIN WOULD HAVE TO BE OFFERED.

Heb. 10:2 – “²If they could have, one offering would have been enough; the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all and their feeling of guilt would be gone.”

3. THE WORSHIPERS THROUGH THIS SACRIFICE ARE ONCE (FOR ALL) PURGED. – (THE RESULT IS THE TAKING AWAY OF SIN CONCIENCENS).

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4. OTHER FORMS (OR PERVIOUS FORMS) OF RELIGION BRINGS REMEMBRANCE OF SIN.

Heb. 10:3 – “³But just the opposite happened: those yearly sacrifices reminded them of their disobedience and guilt instead of relieving their minds.”

5. NO PREVIOUS FORMS OR (OTHER FORMS) OF RELIGION CAN TAKE AWAY SINS.

Heb. 10:4 – “⁴For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats really to take away sins.”

6. JESUS CAME TO TAKE AWAY THE FIRST SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM (OR THE OLD COVANTANT) THAT HE MIGHT ESTABLISH THE NEW.

Heb. 10:5-9 – “⁵That is why Christ said as he came into the world, “O God, the blood of bulls and goats cannot satisfy you, so you have made ready this body of mine for me to lay as a sacrifice upon your altar. ⁶You were not satisfied with the animal sacrifices, slain and burnt before you as offerings for sin. ⁷Then I said, ‘See, I have come to do your will, to lay down my life, just as the Scriptures said that I would.’ ”

⁸After Christ said this about not being satisfied with the various sacrifices and offerings required under the old system, ⁹he then added, “Here I am. I have come to give my life.”

7. (a) BY THIS SACRIFICE WE ARE SANCTIFIED (MADE HOLY)

(b) IT IS A ONCE FOR ALL SACRIFICE.

Heb. 10:10 – “¹⁰Under this new plan we have been forgiven and made clean by Christ’s dying for us once and for all.”

8. JESUS OFFERED ONE SACRIFICE FOR SINS FOR EVER.

Heb. 10:11-12 – “¹¹Under the old agreement the priests stood before the altar day after day offering sacrifices that could never take away our sins. ¹²But Christ gave himself to God for our sins as one sacrifice for all time and then sat down in the place of highest honor at God’s right hand.”

9. JESUS HAS PERFECTED US FOREVER – BY ONE OFFERING.

Heb. 10:13-14 – “¹³waiting for his enemies to be laid under his feet. ¹⁴For by that one offering he made forever perfect in the sight of God all those whom he is making holy.”

10. OUR SINS AND INIQUITIES GOD WILL REMEMBER – NO MORE.

Heb. 10:15-17 – “¹⁵And the Holy Spirit testifies that this is so, for he has said, ¹⁶“This is the agreement I will make with the people of Israel, though they broke their first agreement: I will write my laws into their minds so that they will always know my will, and I will put my laws in their hearts so that they will want to obey them.” ¹⁷And then he adds, “I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds.”

11. THERE HAS BEEN A SENDING AWAY (REMISSION) OF OUR SINS.

Heb. 10:18 – “¹⁸Now, when sins have once been forever forgiven and forgotten, there is no need to offer more sacrifices to get rid of them.”

12. WE MAY ENTER INTO THE VERY PRESENCE OF A HOLY GOD – BY HIS FLESH – (BY JESUS’ SACRIFICE).

Heb. 10:19-20 – “¹⁹And so, dear brothers, now we may walk right into the very Holy of Holies, where God is, because of the blood of Jesus. ²⁰This is the fresh, new, life-giving way that Christ

has opened up for us by tearing the curtain—his human body—to let us into the holy presence of God.”

13. DRAW NEAR TO GOD IN FULL ASSURANCE (GOD ACCEPTS US).

Heb. 10:21-22 – “²¹And since this great High Priest of ours rules over God’s household, ²²let us go right in to God himself, with true hearts fully trusting him to receive us because we have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean and because our bodies have been washed with pure water.”

14. HOLD FAST YOUR PROFESSION – (I’VE BEEN PERFECTED).

Heb. 10:23-24 - “²³Now we can look forward to the salvation God has promised us. There is no longer any room for doubt, and we can tell others that salvation is ours, for there is no question that he will do what he says.

²⁴In response to all he has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How is the Law compared to the new covenant brought by Christ? (10:1)
2. In what way was the Law of Moses glaringly inadequate? (10:1-2)
3. How did the author of Hebrews show that the Law was inadequate? (10:2)
4. What function did the annual sacrifices serve? Why? (10:3-4)
5. How successful were animal sacrifices under the old covenant? (10:4)
6. Why wasn’t God pleased with the sacrifices and offerings of the old covenant? (10:5-6)
7. What was the attitude of Christ when He came into the world? (10:7)
8. What evidence of the futility and emptiness of the old covenant did the author cite? (10:8)
9. If God neither desired nor was pleased with old covenant sacrifices, why did the Israelites make them? (10:8)
10. What role does a believer play in earning God’s approval? (10:9-14)
11. What did Christ’s single act of dying accomplish for those who would trust in Him? (10:14)

12. How did the new covenant change the way God motivates His people to live for Him? (10:16)
13. What effect did the sacrifice of Christ have on the way God views our sins? (10:17)
14. Why are additional sacrifices for sin unnecessary? (10:18)
15. Why did the author say that those under the new covenant could draw near to God? (10:19-22)
16. What has Jesus done for those under the new covenant? (10:20)
17. What privilege comes to those who are part of the "house of God"? (10:22)
18. What must happen before a person can draw near to God? (10:22)
19. What happens to the guilty conscience of those who put their faith in Christ? (10:22)
20. Why are Christians able to persevere in following Christ? (10:23)