



# **N.T. SURVEY**

**General  
Epistles &  
Revelation**

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# HEBREWS

**Exposition**



# OUTLINE

- I. Superiority of Christ** **1:1-10:18**
  - A. Over OT Prophets** **1:1-4**
  - B. Over OT Personalities** **1:5-7:28**
    - 3. Aaron** **5-7**
      - a. Superior Priesthood** **5:1-10**
      - b. 3rd Warning** **5:11-6:20**
      - c. Superior Order** **7**
        - 1) High Significance of Melch. 7:1-3**

**7:1-2 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils, was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.**



**7:3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.**

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**7:4 Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils.**

**7:5** And **those** indeed of the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office **have commandment** in the Law to collect a tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although these are descended from Abraham.



**7:6-7** But **the one** whose genealogy is not traced from them **collected** a tenth from Abraham **and blessed** the one who had the promises. **7** But without any dispute the **lesser is blessed by** the greater.

**7:8 In this case mortal men receive tithes, but in that case one receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives on.**

**7:9-10** And, so to speak, through Abraham even **Levi**, who received tithes, **paid tithes**, **10** for he was **still in the loins of his father** when **Melchizedek** met him.

# **GREATNESS**

**Melchizedek Greater than Abraham**

- 1. Abraham paid him Tithes**
- 2. He blessed Abraham**
- 3. His priesthood lives on**

**Melchizedek Greater than Levi**

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    - a) Requisite New Priesthood** **7:11**

**7:11 Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?**

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**7:12-13 For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.**

**13 For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar.**

**7:14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.**

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**7:15-16** And **this is clearer still**, if another priest arises according to the likeness of **Melchizedek**, 16 who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but **according to the power of an indestructible life.**

**7:17 For it is attested of Him,  
“YOU ARE A PRIEST  
FOREVER ACCORDING TO  
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**7:18-19** For, on the one hand, there is a **setting aside of a former commandment** because of its weakness and uselessness

**19** (for the **Law made nothing perfect**), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a **better hope**, through which we draw near to God.



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**7:20-22** And inasmuch as **it was not** without an **oath** **21** (for they indeed became priests without an **oath**, but He with an **oath** through the One who said to Him, “**THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND, ‘YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER’** ”); **22** so much the more also **Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.**

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  - f) Permanent Priesthood** **7:23-25**

**7:23-24** The former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, 24 but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently.

**7:25** Therefore He is able also to **save forever** those who draw near to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession** for them.

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- 4) Priesthood of Jesus** **7:26-28**

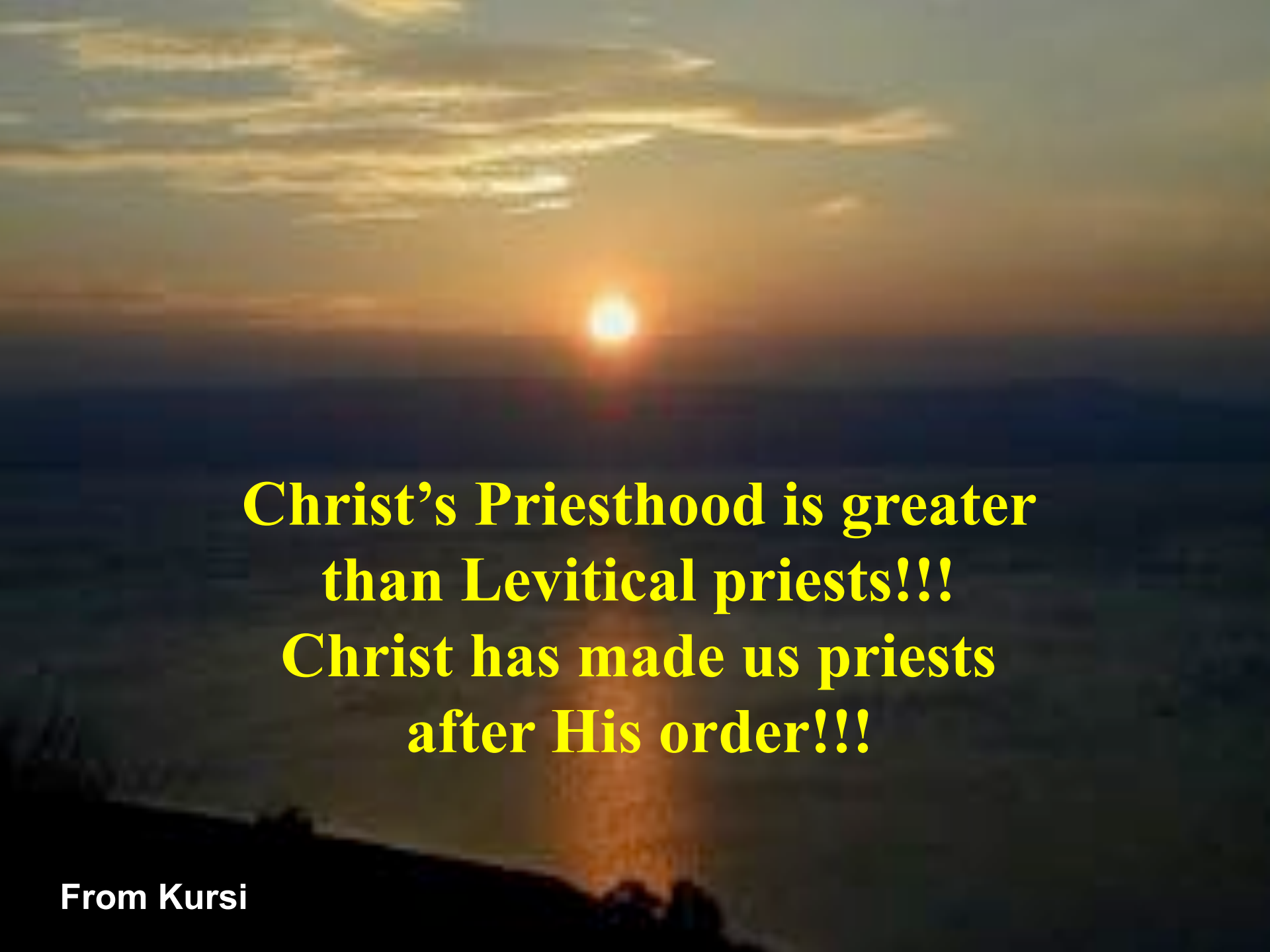
**7:26-27** For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, **holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;** **27** who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this **He did once for all** when He offered up Himself.



**7:28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.**

# **PRIESTHOOD of JESUS**

- 1. Permanent & Eternal (26)**
- 2. Complete Salvation (25)**
- 3. Functioning for us (25)**
- 4. Holy Character (26)**
- 5. Exalted to Right Hand (26)**
- 6. Ultimate Sacrifice (27)**
- 7. Perfect Forever (28)**

A sunset scene with the sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over a dark body of water. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**Christ's Priesthood is greater  
than Levitical priests!!!  
Christ has made us priests  
after His order!!!**

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      - a. True Sanctuary** **8:1-2**

**8:1-2** Now the **main point** in what has been said is this: we have such a **high priest**, who has **taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,** **2 a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle,** which the Lord pitched, not man.

# HIGH

# PRIEST

- Seated
- At Right Hand
- Ministering
- In True Sanctuary



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      - b. Offerings Contrasted** **8:3**

**8:3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer.**



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      - c. Excellent Service Contrasted** **8:4-6**

**8:4-5** Now if He were on earth, **He would not be a priest at all**, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law; **5** who serve a **copy and shadow** of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, “See,” He says, “that you make all things according to the **pattern** which was shown you on the mountain.”

**8:6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.**

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**8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.**

**8:8-9 For finding fault with them, He says,  
“Behold, days are coming, says the  
Lord, When I will effect a new covenant  
With the house of Israel and with the  
house of Judah; 9 Not like the covenant  
which I made with their fathers On the  
day when I took them by the hand To  
lead them out of the land of Egypt; For  
they did not continue in My covenant,  
And I did not care for them, says the  
Lord.**

**8:10** “For this is the **covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, says the Lord: I will put **My laws into their minds**, And I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their **God**, And they shall be **My people**.

**8:11-12 “And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, And everyone his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ For all will know Me, From the least to the greatest of them. 12 “For I will be merciful to their iniquities, And I will remember their sins no more.”**



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      - a. Need for New Covenant** **8:7-8a**
      - b. Jeremiah New Covenant** **8:8b-12**
      - c. Obsolescence of Old Covenant** **8:13**

**8:13** When He said, “A **new covenant,**” He has made the **first obsolete.** But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to **disappear.**

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| <b>a. Old Covenant Sanctuary</b>            | <b>9:1-5</b>     |

**9:1-2 Now even the first covenant had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary.**

**2 For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place.**



**The Tabernacle**

**9:3-4 Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, 4 having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant;**

# The Ark and the Mercy-Seat

**3.75'x2.25'x2.25'  
(Ex 25:10-22)**

- ✧ **Acacia wood overlaid with gold**
- ✧ **Mercy Seat of pure gold**
- ✧ **Covenant inside**

**9:5** and above it were the **cherubim** of glory overshadowing the **mercy seat**; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.



# SIGNIFICANCE

1. **Tabernacle - God dwelling**
2. **Brazen altar - sacrifice for sin**
3. **Laver - fellowship cleansing**
4. **Lampstand - light**
5. **Show bread - nourishment**
6. **Incense alter - prayers**
7. **Holy of holies - no access**
8. **Ark & Mercy seat - place of propitiation**

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| <b>b. Old Covenant Service</b>              | <b>9:6-7</b>     |

**9:6-7** Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the divine worship, **7** but into the second, only the high priest enters once a year, not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.

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      - c. Sanctuary Significance** **9:8-10**

**9:8-9** The Holy Spirit is signifying **this**, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing, **9** which is a **symbol** for the present time.

**9:9b-10** Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience,  
**10** since they relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.

# **SIGNIFICANCE**

- 1. Limited Access -> full access**
- 2. Symbol -> spiritual realities**
- 3. Inadequate Cleansing -> conscience**
- 4. Temporary Sanctuary -> N.C.**

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**We have total forgiveness,  
total access, and full relationship!!!**

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**9:11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;**

# **CONTRASTS**

- **9:1-10 - 9:11-14**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Covenant - New Covenant**
- **Temporary - Eternal**
- **Tabernacle - N.C. sanctuary**
- **Priestly ministry - Christ's ministry**
- **High priest min. - Christ's HP min.**
- **Blood of animals - Christ's blood**
- **External cleansing - Conscience cleansed**

**9:12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**

# **TRUE TABERNACLE**

- 1. Greater**
- 2. Perfect**
- 3. Not of man**
- 4. Not earthly**
- 5. Not by animals sacrifices**
- 6. By His own Blood**
- 7. Once for all**

**9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, 14 how much more ...**

**9:13 For if the blood ...,  
14 how much more will the  
blood of Christ, who through  
the eternal Spirit offered  
Himself without blemish to God,  
cleanse your conscience from  
dead works to serve the living  
God?**

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, with its light reflecting down the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the overall color palette is dominated by warm oranges, yellows, and blues. The water in the foreground is dark, with the reflection of the sun creating a shimmering path.

**As magnificent as the Temple was,  
our bodies are greater Sanctuaries!!!**

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      - a. Basis of New Cov. Mediator** **9:15-22**
        - 1) New Cov. Mediator Purpose** **9:15**

**9:15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.**

# **MEDIATOR**

- 1. Basis - His death (9:14, 15f)**
- 2. Function - bring God & man together**
- 3. Redemption of OT saints - Rom 3:24-25**
- 4. Brings eternal inheritance**

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**9:16-17 For where a covenant is,  
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17 For a covenant is valid only  
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    - 3) Inauguration of 1st Covenant** 9:18-21


**9:18 Therefore even the first covenant was not inaugurated without blood.**

**9:19-20 For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded you.”**



**9:21-22** And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood.

**22** And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

A sunset over a body of water. The sun is a bright orange circle on the horizon, with a long, shimmering reflection of light extending down the center of the water. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The water in the foreground is dark, with some silhouettes of trees or land visible at the bottom.

**We cannot overemphasize  
the importance of  
Christ's shed blood!!!**

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        - 1) Contrast of Necessary Cleansings** 9:23

**9:23** Therefore it was necessary for the **copies** of the things in the heavens **to be cleansed** with **these**, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

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        - 2) Contrast of Single Sacrifice** 9:24-26

**9:24-25 For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25 nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own.**

**9:26** Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

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        - 3) Consummating Death** 9:27-28



**9:27-28** And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, **28** so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, **will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.**

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    - 2. Inability of Law to Perfect** **10:1-4**

**10:1 For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.**

**10:2 Otherwise, would they not  
have ceased to be offered,  
because the worshipers, having  
once been cleansed, would no  
longer have had consciousness  
of sins?**

**10:3-4 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.**

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4. Cleared conscience
5. Redemption - 10:3
6. Total Forgiveness - 10:4

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**10:5-6 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, “Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, But a body You have prepared for Me; 6 In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure.**

**10:7 “Then I said, ‘Behold, I have  
come (In the scroll of the book it  
is written of Me) To do Your  
will, O God.’ ”**

**10:8-9** After saying above, “Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have not desired, nor have You taken pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the Law),  
**9** then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will.” **He takes away the first in order to establish the second.**

**10:10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

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**10:11-13 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; 12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet.**

**10:14 For by one offering He has  
perfected for all time those who  
are sanctified.**



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**10:15-17** And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, 16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws upon their heart, And on their mind I will write them,” He then says 17 “And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

**10:18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.**

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