

The Perfect Sacrifice

Hebrews 10:1-17 We studied about the tabernacle and the pattern of prayer. We saw that now we can begin our prayers instantly with worship, because Jesus through His shed blood on the cross purchased us the right to now go boldly to God's mercy seat and find help in time of need. Only the high priest in the first covenant could enter into the holy of holies where he saw the mercy seat with the cherubim over it. He could only enter through the veil of the holy of holies once a year on the Day of Atonement. We have the great privilege now of entering God's throne room daily to find help in time of need because of the authority we have in Jesus' name and through His shed blood.

The sacrifices offered by the early priests on the brazen altar were imperfect. Jesus truly is our all in all. He not only is our new High Priest, but He is also the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the earth. When John saw Jesus, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." The sacrifice the early priests made to atone for the sins of the people had to be done once every year, and the sins of the people were only covered, not taken away. The Bible tells us, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord removed our transgressions." This fact should make us want to enter every day with praise through the gates of thanksgiving. This great transaction on the cross when our sins, iniquities and transgressions were laid upon Jesus is aptly described in Hebrews 10:14: "For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified."

Jesus was the perfect sacrifice who now gives us the hope of being presented blameless, without spot or wrinkle (perfect in every way) to the Father when we see Him face to face. Because Jesus was perfect, we now can be perfected in Him. Thank You, Jesus.

When I survey Your wondrous work on the cross, I stand in awe of what You purchased for me on that day. Help me, Lord, to allow Your Holy Spirit to conform me daily to Your image. Thank You for the hope that when I see You I will be like You—perfect and complete.

**READ: Ezekiel 21:1-22:31; Hebrews 10:1-17; Psalm 108:1-13;
Proverbs 27:12**