

Greatest Sacrifice

Greater Than | Week 4

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Key Text: Hebrews 8–10

Big Idea: Jesus did once and for all what no other sacrifice could ever do.

Roadmap of Chapters 8–10:

- Jesus established a better covenant (Ch. 8).
- The old covenant was limited (Ch. 9).
- Repeated sacrifices could never cleanse the sinner (Ch. 9).
- Jesus entered the Most Holy Place with His own blood (Ch. 9).
- His sacrifice accomplished once and for all what all other sacrifices never could (Ch. 10).
- Now we have direct access to God (Ch. 10).
- So, draw near to Him with confidence – don't shrink back (Ch. 10).

1. JESUS USHERED IN A GREATER COVENANT (Hebrews 8:1-7)

That's why the author quotes **Jeremiah 31:31–34**. Saying that God will establish a NEW COVENANT!

In this NEW COVENANT:

- **Hebrews 8:10** — “I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts.”
- **Hebrews 8:12** — “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

2. THE OLD COVENANT SYSTEM SHOWED US HOW SERIOUS SIN IS

Hebrews 9:1 (ESV)

“Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. For a tent was prepared...”

- “tent” = tabernacle (later becomes the Temple)
- “regulations” = righteousness (root)

The Point: God is Holy. Sin is serious. Access is costly.

3. THE SACRIFICES NEVER STOPPED (Heb. 9:6–10)

- Daily Sacrifices (Numbers 28)
- Sabbath Sacrifices
- Monthly Sacrifices
- Festival Sacrifices (Leviticus 23)
- Sin Offerings
- Thanksgiving Offerings
- Freewill offerings
- Peace Offerings
- A Wave Offering
- Yom Kippur — the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16)

4. THEN JESUS ENTERED (Hebrews 9:11–14)

John 1:29 – “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

1 Peter 1:18–19 – You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

5. JESUS IS THE GREATEST SACRIFICE

Hebrews 9:26 — “He has appeared once for all... to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.”

Hebrews 10:10 — “We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

Hebrews 10:14 — “For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.”

- **“Made perfect forever”** — our position before God.
- **“Being made holy”** — God's continuing work in us.

Romans 8:1 — “There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 — Christ became sin for us so that in Him we might become God's righteousness.

Matthew 27:50–51

“Jesus... gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.”
From top to bottom. God opened what humanity could never open.

6. SO, WHAT DO WE DO? (Hebrews 10:19–25)

Three “Let us” statements.

1. LET US DRAW NEAR
2. LET US HOLD ON
3. LET US SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON

7. ANOTHER WARNING (Hebrews 10:26–31)

Hebrews 10:35–38 (ESV)

Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”

Hebrews 10:39

“But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.”

8. OUR RESPONSE

- Draw near to God
- Stay anchored in Christ.
- Stay connected to God's people.
- And no matter what happens – do not shrink back!

