

# Hebrews

## Chapter 10

Memory: 10:23

Theme: The Superior Offering & Warning Against Unbelief

The first half of chapter 10 continues a discussion about Jesus being a superior offering; superior to the animals of the Old Testament (10:1-18). The law was a shadow, unable to make men perfect, because the sacrifices were insufficient to remove sins (10:1-4). The Son of God had a body prepared for sacrifice according to the will of God (10:5-10). Hence, Premillennialism is utterly false. The offering of Christ, being perfect, was only necessary once, not repeatedly like the offering of animals (10:11-18).

The next section, verses 19 to 25, draws conclusions based on the superior sacrifice. We now have boldness to enter heaven by “the new and living way” (10:19, 20). We can draw near to God in “full assurance” (10:22). This is done only by having “our bodies washed with pure water,” that is, baptism—as opposed to the water mixed with other elements (cf. Heb. 9:13-21; Num. 19:9). We must hold fast without wavering and consider one another (10:23-25).

The final section urges faithfulness unto salvation (10:26-39). When a Christian sins, there is no longer a sacrifice, but only wrath (10:26-31). If we turn back, then, we will receive a “worse punishment” than that experienced under the Law of Moses. Likewise, the Bible teaches “the latter end is worse than the first” (2 Pet. 2:18-22). Two things will help us to endure, past victories and a better possession in heaven (10:32-34). There are some things we have overcome, thus we can do it again, and something ahead that is worth striving for. If we fail to persevere, God has no pleasure in us (10:35-39).

## Questions & Discussion

Note Key Verses:

1. For what is Christ waiting and when will this come (10:13)?
2. The writer mentions faith, hope, and love in 10:22-24. Find other passages where these three are mentioned and be prepared to discuss them.
3. Explain the three “let us” of 10:22-24.
4. Of what three things is a Christian guilty when he sins (10:29).
5. What are some specific things that can cause us to give up and not endure (10:32-36)?
6. Find the other three places in the Bible where it says “The just shall live by faith” (10:38). Be prepared to discuss them briefly.