

Once For All
Hebrews 10:1-18

Hebrews 8:5 *They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain."*

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Insufficiency, sufficiency, finality

Insufficiency

Hebrews 10:1 *For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.*

Psalms 51:16–17 *For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

1 Samuel 15:22–23 *And Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king."*

Genesis 4:3–7 *In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."*

John the Baptist

Shadow (skia): shadowy copy

Form (eikon): representation; image

Make perfect – access to God and right standing before Him

Draw near (proserchomai): to move toward a reference point, with a possible implication in certain contexts of a reciprocal relationship between the person approaching and the one who is approached—‘to move toward, to approach, to come near to.’

Hebrews 10:2–3 *Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.*

Reminder (anamnesis): means of remembering

Hebrews 10:4 *For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.*

Sufficiency

Hebrews 10:5–7 *Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’ ”*

Psalm 40:6-8 (reference only)

The law, the psalms, and the prophets all foretold Christ’s coming. His whole life was controlled by the Book. His birth, His behavior, His death, His burial, His resurrection—all were foretold. In type and shadow, in precept and principle, in prophetic vision and direct utterance, the Old Testament was full of the theme.

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Hebrews 12:2 *looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Everything is ashes if we are not living in conscious obedience to God. Is there something you know God wants you to do, but you have been unwilling? Perhaps it is a kindness to perform—a confession to make—a gift to give—a commitment to fulfill—a task to perform. If you know what it is, say reverently to him, “Here I am... I have come to do your will, O God.” R. Kent Hughes. Hebrews: An Anchor for the Soul

Hebrews 10:8–10 *When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law),⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second.¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Finality

Hebrews 10:11–18 *And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,¹⁷ then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.*

What is thy only comfort in life and in death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour *Jesus Christ*, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my *Father* in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His *Holy Spirit*, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.¹

¹ Heidelberg Catechism. (1907). [Heidelberg Catechism](#) (Revised Edition, p. 19). Cleveland, OH: Central Publishing House.

