

Hebrews 10:1-9

No Pleasure in No Obedience

vs.1- "For"- this will always tell you that the upcoming thought is linked to the last regardless if it's a new chapter (ch.9- necessity of Christ's sacrifice / ch.10- the character of it)

- "shadow"- (skia) an image cast by an object and representing the form of that object
(The word implies a pale reflection in contrast with a sharp, distinct one)

- "very image"- exactly the same

(The writer is saying that one is the outline for the other and not an exact replica)

- "perfect"- the writer seemingly suggests that the imperfections of the old sacrifices should have led them to seek something perfect

Truth- the word used for perfect here is a completeness or wholeness (a term for salvation)

*the "shadow" of the old created awareness of sin, the need of a priestly mediator, and the sacrifice of an innocent substitute

(vs.2-3)- "For then"- meaning if the old sacrifice actually did make one perfect

(If they made one "perfect", then there would be no need of repetition)

- "purged"- (katharizo) to free from defilement or guilt, to purify

Truth- the old sacrifices involved repetition, not remission

- "conscience of sin"- since the old sacrifices never removed sin, it never removed the guilt

(The repetition of it caused a continual reminder of it)

3- "remembrance"- this is from the conscience (a built-in awareness of wrong doing)

Truth- salvation in the Old Testament was obtained in believing God, trusting in Him

(This led to obedience)

- even the realization that the sacrifice of animals could never remove sin, one remained obedient to the Lord's sacrificial system (His Word) and trusted that God would take care of it for them

vs.4- "not possible"- the Levitical system was a preparatory system for the coming of the

Messiah- Gal.3:24 (designed to make people expectant- I Pet.1:10)

- "take away"- (aphaireo) to lift off and carry away

*Have you ever heard someone say that they felt a weight has been lifted off them when they got saved? (That's the weight of the conscience of sin)

*in the Old Test. sin had to be covered (atoned) in order for God to remove it (Calvary)

(vs.5-7)- this is a quote from Ps.40:6-8 and meant as prophetic

- God was not pleased with sacrifices given by a person with no sincerity of heart - I Sam.15:22

* to sacrifice without obedience was a mockery and worse than no sacrifice at all- Is.1:11-18

- "but a body"- in the psalms, it says "mine ears hast thou opened"

- the writer says this here to show the prophetic meaning of the psalm

*(Opened ears are from a prepared body as the ears must hear in order to be obedient)

- the entire theme here is obedience as when David wrote it and Christ showed it when

"He cometh into the world"

(The body of Christ was birthed in order to make the perfect sacrifice that could do what no animal sacrifice could- remove the guilt of sin)

6- "no pleasure"- God gets no pleasure in someone "going through the motions"

(He receives no honor or glory in it) *this is true in churches today

7- David wrote this psalm to show his obedience and God made it prophecy to show us all what complete obedience looks like (Christ)

(vs.8-9)- the writer quotes the psalm again in condensed form

- the "first" was intended to be temporary and symbolic

(The ones who were obedient to God in those days were counted righteous as God has always ponders the heart (Prov.21:2))

Truth- people are obedient to what they truly love

-these reader were being urged to return to being obedient to the Law while the writer is urging them to be obedient to Christ