

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Chapter 10 Part 1 Verses 1-22

“I Don’t Remember”

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2 For then **would they not have ceased to be offered?** For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.

The law, the 10 commandments, were just a shadow of the good things to come.

- ☞ **The purpose of the 10 commandments** was not a list for you to keep to gain admittance into heaven.
- ☞ **Many people today** base their estimation of how “Good a person” they are, based on how many of the 10 commandments they have kept.
- ☞ **The problem with the 10 commandments** is that no person that has ever lived other than Jesus, has ever perfectly kept all of the 10 commandments all the days of their life.
- ☞ **The purpose of the 10 commandments** was that it would be our “*Teacher*” in showing us that we can never measure up to the standards that God has placed before us.

Galatians 3:24

Therefore the law was our “*Teacher*” **to bring us to Christ**, that we might be justified by faith.

The Greek word for “*Teacher*” is “**Paidagogos**” (**pahee-dag-o-gos**) A Leader Someone who takes you to school, a instructor or Teacher.

- ☞ **The law**, the 10 commandments purpose, was to “*Bring us to Jesus*”.
- ☞ **As I look** at the requirements of the 10 commandments, I realize I can never keep them all perfectly all the days of my life.
- ☞ **I would then just admit**, “**Lord I can’t do it**”.
- ☞ **I would then be driven** to find another way to be acceptable to God, Galatians 3 here says, that it would “**Bring me to Jesus**”.

Romans 3:20

Therefore **by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified** in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:28

Therefore we conclude that **a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law**
The way that God accepts you and forgives all of your sins, is by Faith.

- ☞ **Faith** in what Jesus has done for you.

- ☞ **In the last 4 weeks**, we have been looking at the Tabernacle in the Desert and learned that the sacrifice made at the Bronze Altar as soon as you came into the “***One Door***”, was a picture of Jesus sacrifice for us.
- ☞ **We were able to continue** on to the “**Bronze laver**” and be washed by the Word of God, and then enter the “**Inner Court**” and have fellowship and relationship with God.

Fellowship with God was not possible until first we believed in Jesus sacrifice as the payment for our sins, and that the way that **we are made righteous in Gods sight, is only by accepting Jesus as our own Lord and Savior.**

Hebrews 10

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2 For then **would they not have ceased to be offered?** For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.

The point of verses 1 and 2 here is that these Old Testament Sacrifices never made anyone perfect.

- ☞ **If they had** made the one making the sacrifice perfect, then there would not have been a need to keep making sacrifices.
- ☞ **The second problem** with the Old Testament Sacrifices is that they did not have the ability to remove their consciousness of sin.

3 But in **those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins** every year.

4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

The Old Testament Sacrifices did not remove sin, nor did they take away the memory of past sins, all they did was “Remind” the person of their sins every time they brought an animal for the sacrifice.

- ☞ **How many of you** like it when someone keeps reminding you of all of your faults and past mistakes?
- ☞ **None of us** like it when our sin or faults are exposed.

A woman went to the grocery store to purchase food for guests that were coming to her home that evening for dinner.

She stopped at the meat counter and asked the butcher for a large chicken.

He reached down into the cold storage compartment to grab the last chicken that was left and placed it upon the scale to weigh it.

“This one weighs 4 pounds ma’am”.

The woman said, “**I am not sure if that is large enough, don’t you have a bigger one?**”

The man reached back into the compartment and pretended to search through the melting ice for another chicken.

Bringing out the same chicken that he had just shown her, he placed it upon the scale...

“**Ah**” he said with a smile. “**This one weighs 6 pounds**”

The woman frowned a little then said “**I tell you what, wrap them both up for me**”

Numbers 32:23

... be sure your sin will find you out.

Don’t you just hate it when someone reminds you of your sin!

- ☞ **Paul makes the point here** in Hebrews chapter 10 that the Old Testament Law of Making the animal sacrifice for your sins, only served to keep reminding a person of their sin.

But when any person surrenders their life to Jesus and asks Him to forgive all of their sins and be the Lord of their Life, the haunting reminder and condemnation of past sins is removed.

- ☞ **Now may I say to you this morning**, “The memory of your past sins should no longer condemn you and haunt you”.
- ☞ **Some of us still allow** our past to condemn us, even though Jesus said Himself “*I do not condemn you*”.
- ☞ **Paul said**”

Romans 8:1

There is therefore **now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus**, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Notice that the condition to not feeling condemned is to “Walk in the Spirit”.

- ☞ **If you allow your flesh**, your mind to rule your thoughts, then you will never get past the old feeling of guilt and condemnation.
- ☞ **You need to start** “*Walking in the Spirit*”, allowing the new nature that Jesus has now made alive in you, to control you.

Remember the story I have told you about the man who lived in Alaska and had a Sled Dog team.

A man was watching the sled dogs pull the sled and that the two lead dogs kept fighting against each other for the lead.

When he asked the owner of the dogs why they fought each other, he told him. "each one wants to be in control".

The man asked the Sled Dog owner: "Which one wins".

The Sled Dog owner told him "**The one that I feed the most**".

Which one are you feeding the most this morning? Your flesh, or your Spirit?

- ☞ **If you live your life** to feed the flesh everything it asks you for, then it will be the one that controls you.
- ☞ **If you live your life to feed the Spirit** that lives in you, then it will be the one that controls you.

You see, when you asked Jesus to forgive you and be Lord of your life, something wonderful and amazing happened.

1. **Your Spirit**, that once was dead inside of you, to the things of God, "**Became alive**."
2. **This is what Jesus meant** when told Nicodemus that "*He needed to be Born Again*"

John 3:3

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Before a person understands who Jesus really is and what He has done for them, their Spirit that is in them is Dead, because of their sin.

- ☞ **When they hear** that Jesus is the Creator of everything that exists, and that He loves them so much that He took the punishment for all of their sins and failures in their life, then accept Jesus sacrifice as the payment for their sins, they are instantly "**Born Again**".
- ☞ **Now living in this person** is a Spirit that really wants to please God with their life.
- ☞ **Also living in this same person**, is the same old flesh and mind that we have had to live with all of our life.

So now there is this struggle, the Spirit wants to please the Lord, but the Flesh wants to please itself.

- ☞ **The Spirit has been Born Again**, but the Mind still thinks the same old way it is used to thinking.
- ☞ **Everything in your life** is based on **how you think**.

- ☞ **Every action in your body**, comes from the thoughts of your mind.

So, when we are Born Again, we have this new Spirit that really wants to please God and live for Him, but we still have the same old way of thinking that causes us to live out in our body, the same old actions.

- ☞ **What needs to happen** is that **we Need our Minds also changed.**
- ☞ **How** is that done?
- ☞ **Only One way**, by The Word of God.

The Book of Ephesians is a wonderful book for the Christian because it describes for us all of the things that we own right now because of Jesus.

- ☞ **Ephesians 5** describes this struggle in our new life, to walk in our life after the Spirit.
- ☞ **Ephesians 5 also talks about** the struggle with the old life and old way of thinking as the Flesh tugs on us to walk after the flesh.

Ephesians 5

- 1 Therefore **be imitators of God** as dear children. HOW? WALK IN THE SPIRIT...
- 2 And **walk in love, as Christ also has loved us** and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. SO, CHANGE YOUR WAY OF THINKING, CHANGE THE WAY YOU USED TO LIVE...
- 3 But **fornication** and all **uncleanness** or **covetousness**, let it **not even be named among you**, as is fitting for saints;
- 4 **neither filthiness**, nor **foolish talking**, nor **coarse jesting**, which are not fitting, but **rather giving of thanks**.
- 5 For this you know, that **no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.**
- 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for **because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.** THE GREAT TRIBULATION
- 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.
- 8 For **you were once darkness**, BEFORE YOU WERE BORN AGAIN but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light** SEE IT IS YOUR CHOICE
- 9 (for **the fruit of the Spirit is** in all **goodness, righteousness, and truth**),
- 10 **finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.** HOW DO WE FIND OUT WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE LORD? WE HAVE TO STUDY HIS WORD...
- 11 And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness**, but rather expose them.
- 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.
- 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.
- 14 Therefore He says:
 “Awake, you who sleep,
 Arise from the dead,
 And Christ will give you light.”
- 15 See then that you **walk circumspectly**, not as fools but as wise,
- 16 **redeeming the time**, BUYING IT BACK because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be unwise, but **understand what the will of the Lord is.**

18 And do **not be drunk** with wine, THE OLD LIFE in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit**, NEW LIFE

19 **speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

20 **giving thanks** always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

21 **submitting to one another** in the fear of God.

22 **Wives, submit to your own husbands**, as to the Lord.

23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

25 **Husbands, love your wives**, HERE IS HOW... **just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her**, YOU HAVE TO DIE HUSBANDS

26 **that He might sanctify and cleanse her** with **the washing of water by the word**,

27 **that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle** or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. **A SPOT IS A DEFECT YOU ARE BORN WITH. A BLEMISH IS ONE YOU ACQUIRE.**

An Old Testament Sacrifice was inspected for two things:

1. **A Spot**, a Genetic defect the animal was born with.
2. **A Blemish**, a Defect that the animal picked up, a damaged leg, or eye etc.

Through having our minds washed by the Water of the Word of God.

- ☞ **Our Spots**, that is **our defects that we have been born with**, Jesus has Washed them away, we now stand perfect because of Jesus, in Gods sight.
- ☞ **Our Blemishes**, those things that we pick up even after we are saved, the Word of God Washed away.
- ☞ **The Word of God**, by exposing ourselves to it, WASHES OUR MIND AND CAUSES US THE THINK DIFFERENTLY!

*“If you sow a **Thought**, you will reap and **Act**”*

*“If you sow an **Act**, you will reap a **Habit**”*

*“If you Sow a **Habit**, you will reap an **Eternity**”*

This is an area that many Christians never really grow in, **that of having their minds transformed by the Word of God**, so that their actions are transformed, so that their Habits are Transformed, so that their Eternity is Transformed...

Hebrews 10

5 Therefore, when Jesus came into the world, He said:

“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,

But a body You have prepared for Me.

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin

You had no pleasure.

7 Then I said, “Behold, I have come—
In the volume of the book it is written of Me—
To do Your will, O God.’ ”

Paul Quotes from Psalm 40:6–8

Psalms 40:6-8

6 Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; **My ears You have opened**. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

7 Then I said, “Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

8 I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.”

What is interesting here is that Paul has a little different interpretation of Psalm 40 than the Hebrew is written in, not inaccurate, just a magnification of the original Hebrew.

- ⊕ **“My Ears You have opened”**, in the Old Testament, if a man had a servant that was in his household serving him due to some kind of debt he was repaying, that Hebrew servant, by law could only be kept for 6 years, on the 7th year he had to be set free.
- ⊕ **Now if that Servant** loved living in his masters house, and he really didn’t want to be set free after his 6 years of service were complete, he could go to his master and ask to become a **“Doulos”**, a **“Bond Servant”** forever.

The master would take this servant out to the front porch of the home and place his ear lobe upon the wooden upright of the door posts, and pierce it through with an awl, and place a ring in his ear, signifying that he was a servant forever.

- ⊕ **In Psalm 40 here**, the words *“My Ears you have opened”* comes from the Hebrew word **“Karah”** (kaw-raw’) which means **“To bore or pierce open.”**
- ⊕ **Clearly Psalm 40** is talking about a servant who wants their ears pierced so they can become a servant forever.

Paul believes Psalm 40 is speaking of Jesus, and he seems to take this idea of the *“Ears being pierced open to become a Servant Forever”*, as Jesus having a Body prepared for Him so that He could become our servant and High Priest **FOREVER!**

Then notice verse 7:

7 Then I said, “Behold, I have come—
In the volume of the book it is written of Me—
To do Your will, O God.’ ”

The idea here is that every single page of the Bible is About Jesus, Who He is, What He came to Do, How Much He Loves You.

John 5:39

You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me

The purpose of the Bible, both Old Testament and New Testament, is to reveal to you who the person of Jesus Christ is.

- ☞ **It is not to make you** a “Religious person”.
- ☞ **It is not so that you will write down** all the rules and try to follow them.
- ☞ **It is so that you will discover who Jesus is** and what He has done for you, and that you would **Fall In Love With Jesus!**

Hebrews 10

8 Previously saying, (IN THE OLD TESTAMENT) “Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the law),

The Father really had no pleasure in the billions of animal sacrifices offered in the Old Testament, what He was trying to do is establish a very important point.

Hebrews 9:22

And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no remission** (of sins).

Without Jesus shedding His Blood for us on the Cross, NO PERSON COULD POSSIBLY BE FORGIVEN OF THEIR SINS AND GO TO HEAVEN!

“Remission” is defined as:

1. ***A lessening of the symptoms of a disease***, or their temporary reduction or disappearance
2. A lessening or a ***reduction in the severity*** of something
3. A ***release from a debt***, penalty, or obligation
4. A ***pardon or forgiveness***

Jesus Died so that the Disease of Sin was Healed.

Jesus Died so that The penalty of our failure to keep Gods Law perfectly was Eliminated

Jesus Died so that we could be released from the debt, penalty and obligation of our sin.

Jesus Died so that we could have the opportunity to accept a Pardon and Forgiveness.

All that stops this from happening in your life, is to believe it, ask for it from Jesus, and then Accept it.

Hebrews 10

9 then Jesus said, “Behold, **I have come to do Your will, O God.**” He **takes away the first that He may establish the second.**

10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

“I have come to do your will, O God”.

- ☞ **Did you know** that Jesus, the Lord of the Universe struggled with surrendering His will to the Father?

Luke 22:42

Jesus saying, “Father, **if it is Your will**, take this cup away from Me; **nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.**”

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but **was in all points tempted as we are**, yet without sin.

The most difficult period of Jesus 33 1/2 years on the earth was the night before they Crucified Him, when He went to the Garden of Gethsemane.

- ☞ **It was there** that Jesus cried out in prayer “*Take this cup that is full of the sins of every person in the world Away From Me...!*”
- ☞ **“Father, I don’t want to drink of the sins of the world, I don’t want to become the filth and vile things of this world...”**
- ☞ **“Father, if there is any other way you can forgive them of their sins, please take this cup away...”**

“Nevertheless, Not what I want Father, what You want...”

- ☞ **Do you see how hard** it was at that moment for Jesus?
- ☞ **What must it have been like for Him**, Jesus created all that exists, He is perfect in Righteousness, Beauty and Love.
- ☞ **Jesus as Creator**, knew what sin was, he had seen it in Lucifer, in the Angels that fell, **but he had never personally experienced the Horror of sin Himself.**

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He THE FATHER made Him JESUS who knew no sin **to be sin** for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

“Jesus was made sin, for us...”

Hebrews 10

10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

Unlike the Old Testament Priests who offered up the animals in sacrifice for the sins of the people every day, Jesus Himself Became the Sacrifice

Hebrews 10

12 But this Man, **after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,**

13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

Unlike the priests who continually offered up sacrifices for sins, Jesus One sacrifice paid for the sins of every person that has ever been born.

- ⊕ **Then Jesus “Sat Down”.**
- ⊕ **How strange this must have sounded** to the Hebrew Christians that got this letter from Paul.
- ⊕ **No Priest ever sat down** in the temple, they stood up making sacrifices continuously.
- ⊕ **There was not one single chair** in the Tabernacle.
- ⊕ **Yet Jesus sat down** because His sacrifice for all of us was ENOUGH.

John 19:30

Jesus said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit

- ⊕ **Jesus sacrifice Finished** all sacrifices for sins FOREVER!

Hebrews 10

14 For **by one offering He has perfected forever** those who are **being sanctified.**

Notice the effects of Jesus ONE SACRIFICE: ***“He has Perfected us Forever...”***

- ⊕ **You are perfect and acceptable** to God, not because you are so good looking , not because you are such a nice person, not because you do all the right things.
- ⊕ **You are perfect and acceptable to God today,** ONLY BECAUSE OF JESUS SACRIFICE FOR YOU.

Now notice the last part of verse 14: **He has perfected forever** those who are **being sanctified**

- ⊕ **Remember “Sanctification”** is the process of being “**Set Apart**”, making you perfect in all your current and future behavior.
- ⊕ **When you asked** Jesus to forgive your sins, all of your past sins were “**Justified**”, that is, paid for, and made as if they never existed.

Even all of your present and future sins were also forgiven by Jesus Sacrifice.

- ⊕ **Why then,** do we all still struggle with doing right things, and seem to continuously do the wrong things?
- ⊕ **Because that part of us,** is still “**A Work In Progress**”.

What is the key word in verse 14? “Being”.

- ⊖ **Jesus has already made you perfect forever** because of his Sacrifice for you on the Cross, but the process of “**Being Sanctified**”, your future behavior, is “**BEING**” done, throughout your entire life.
- ⊖ **Being perfected in all your life** will not be finished until Jesus comes for you at the Rapture or you die and go to be with the Lord in Heaven.

1 John 3:2

Beloved, **now we are children of God**; and **it has not yet been revealed what we shall be**, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.

1. **Right now** you are the Son or Daughter of the Most High God, because you have trusted Jesus as the payment for all of your sins.
2. **But, you are not perfected** yet in all your **actions, motivations, and hearts desires**.
3. **You and I** are in the process of making our behavior perfect.

Hebrews 10

15 But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before,
16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: **I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,**”

So, if we are already forgiven because of what Jesus has done for us on the Cross, why then is it still so hard to do the right things?

“The Lord is writing His laws on your hearts...”

- ⊖ **This writing** of His law on our hearts, takes time.
- ⊖ **It is through** many trials and errors.
- ⊖ **It happens** according to the amount of time we invest in exposing our Mind to the Word of God in the Bible.

I have had many conversations with some of you lately because you are noticing how much you are changing.

- ⊖ **Many of you** have been very kind to me in thanking me for helping you.
- ⊖ **But may I say to you**, I DIDN'T DO IT!
- ⊖ **Jesus did it**, working through the tremendous power of His Word.

It happened to you because you have been here for every Bible study we have, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, Wednesday Night, you are making it a point of being here...

God Honors His Word above even His own Name...

Psalms 138:2

...For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

If you find that you are not growing, your way of thinking is not changing, you are struggling with sin...It is because you are not honoring the Word of God in your life.

- ☞ **I want to challenge you this morning** to spend the rest of this year being at every Bible study we have, at the end of this year, everyone who does this will find that The Lord has drastically changed your life!

Hebrews 10

17 then He adds, "**Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.**"
18 Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

At the beginning of our study this morning, we talked about how hard it is for us when people keep bringing up all of our past failures...

- ☞ **Well, here the Lord says:** If I forgive you, I will remember your sins no more.
- ☞ **I won't** bring them up again.
- ☞ **I won't rub** your sins in your face.
- ☞ **I won't condemn** you for your sins.

Hebrews 10

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,
20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,
21 and having a High Priest over the house of God,
22 **let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,** having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

If you are really getting it that the fact is YOU ARE FORGIVEN.

- ☞ **If you really are understanding** that all the failures of the past are gone.
- ☞ **Jesus didn't just forgive them,** He made it as if they never happened!
- ☞ **That Holy of Holies** that we studied the past 4 weeks, where only the High Priest could enter, the place where the presence of God dwells, **YOU CAN GO THERE ANY TIME YOU WANT,** because of what Jesus has done for you.

"So, let us draw near to the Lord, because we understand these things... Lets come to Him right now, and every day with a full assurance that we really are His

...That we are clean, righteous, and Treasured by Him...All Because of what Jesus has Done.

... "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

There was once a woman who claimed to have visions in which Jesus came and spoke to her.

There was also a pastor who over the course of his lifetime, had never been able to forgive himself of some of the sins he had done before He gave his life to Jesus

One day, the pastor asked the woman if these visions really were true, she assured him that they were genuine.

The aging pastor asked the woman if the next time she spoke with Jesus, if she would ask Him how He felt about these sins the pastor had committed many years ago, that he was still struggling with.

The woman agreed, and went on her way back to her house.

When she returned to church a few days later, the pastor asked her if she had spoken to the Lord about the sins he had committed so long ago.

She replied: **“Yes I did”**

“And did you ask Him how he felt about my sins?”

“Yes I asked Him”

“Well, what did the Lord say?”

“He said: I don’t Remember...”

AND IF ON THAT DAY YOU ARRIVE IN HEAVEN AND YOU OR ANYONE ELSE SHOULD EVER ASK THE LORD ABOUT YOUR SINS, JESUS WILL SAY THE SAME THING...”I DON’T REMEMBER”

... “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”