

Introduction: The supremacy of Christ’s sacrifice is in His obedience, active and passive.

A. OVERVIEW OF HEBREWS

- 1. **The Son, in His person, reveals God’s salvation** (1:1 - 4:13) **Christ, the Prophet**
 - a. Christ is superior to the prophets (1:1-4)
 - b. Christ is superior to the angels (1:5 - 2:18)
 - c. Christ is superior to Moses (3:1-19)
 - d. Christ is superior to Joshua (4:1-13)
- 2. **The Savior, in His work, reconciles our salvation** (4:14 - 10:18) **Jesus, the Priest**
 - a. The Service -- Christ’s priesthood is superior to Aaron (4:14 - 7:28)
 - b. The Sanctuary -- Christ’s ministry is superior to the tabernacle (8:1 - 9:28)
 - c. The Sacrifice -- Christ’s suffering is superior to the sacrifices (10:1-18)
- 3. **The Shepherd, in His position, restores eternal salvation** (10:19 - 13:25) **LORD, the King**
 - a. Theme of faith -- Exhortation to enter the new sanctuary (10:19 - 11:40)
 - b. Theme of hope -- Exhortation to endure chastening (12:1-29)
 - c. Theme of love -- Exhortation for Christian living (13:1-25)

B. OUTLINE OF HEBREWS 10:1-18

- 1. The inadequacy of animal sacrifices (10:1-4)
 - a. Sacrifices that need repetition do not satisfy (10:1-2)
 - b. Moral defilement cannot be removed by material means (10:3-4)
- 2. The prophecy of atoning sacrifice (10:5-10)
 - a. Obedience is the sacrifice that saves (10:5-7) [Psa. 40:6-8]
 - b. Obedience replaces repetitious ritual (10:8-10)
- 3. The supremacy of Christ’s sacrifice (10:11-18)
 - a. Seated in His finished work and His highest honor (10:11-14) [Psa. 110:1]
 - b. Sealed in His forgiveness by the finality of His sacrifice (10:15-18) [Jer. 31:33, 34]

C. OBSERVATIONS FROM HEBREWS 10:1-18

- 1. Comparison of texts on the sacrifice ^[NKJV]

Psalm 40:6-8	Hebrews 10:5-7
Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened; Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.	Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.
Then I said, Behold, I come; In the scroll of the Book it is written of me.	Then I said, Behold, I have come -- In the volume of the book it is written of Me --
I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.	To do Your will, O God.

- 2. Trinitarian context of the sacrifice
 - a. The will of God the Father (10:7, 9, 10)
 - b. The work of God the Son (10:5, 9, 10, 12, 14)
 - c. The witness of God the Spirit (10:15-17)
- 3. Terminology of “to sanctify” or sanctification (10:10, 14)
 - a. Paul = It is a process whereby the believer grows progressively in holiness.
 - b. Hebrews = It is the process by which a person becomes a believer and is set apart for God.

Illustration: Shortly before he died of pneumonia on January 1, 1937, in Bismarck, ND, J. Gresham Machen dictated a telegram to his colleague John Murray which became Machen’s last words: “I’m so thankful for active obedience of Christ. No hope without it.”

His biographer comments: “And so he gave expression to the conviction that he had assurance not only of remission of sin and its penalty but also of being accepted as perfectly obedient and righteous, and so an heir of eternal life, because of the perfect obedience of Christ to the divine will.” [Ned B. Stonehouse, *J. Gresham Machen: A Biographical Memoir*, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, 1977, p. 508]