

# A Call to Keep Going

## Hebrews 10 Verse by Verse

**Introduction**

**Complete  
Forgiveness  
10:1-18**

**Full  
Assurance  
10:19-39**

**Conclusions**



# Introduction

## Previously in Hebrews:

- In **Chapter 9** our rabbi reminded us of some of the details of worship in the temple under the **Old Covenant**.
- He also explained just how Christ comes as **the Mediator** to finally fulfill all that the Old Covenant anticipated.
- We saw that the **New Covenant**:
  - Was Needed
  - Is Effective
  - Has Been Sealed
  - Is Complete

Hebrews  
9:27-28

What's in  
Hebrews 10?

Our  
Key Verses

# Hebrews 9:27-28

27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.



# What's in Hebrews 10?

- The teacher starts by reiterating the **inadequacy** of the Old Testament sacrifices.
- He contrasts them with **the better sacrifice** of Christ.
- Since Christ offers us **complete forgiveness**, there is no need for any further offering for sin.
- If we truly are forgiven in Christ, we need to live as if we know that is true.
- There is a warning not to keep on sinning, but to live like people whose hearts are now pure.
- We need to **keep going forward** in our relationship with the living God in the **full assurance** of our faith.



## Key Verses: Hebrews 10:23-25

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# Complete Forgiveness 10:1-18

- Due to the length of this section, we are going to divide it up into three bite-sized chunks.

**Hebrews  
10:1-4**

**Hebrews  
10:5-10**

**Hebrews  
10:11-18**





# Hebrews

## 10:1-4



## Hebrews 10:1-4

- Our rabbi friend is very much reiterating what he said to us last week in **Chapter 9**.
- The law has but a shadow of good things to come.
- We have now the substance in Christ.
- The sacrifices under the Old Covenant were meaningful, but insufficient.

Colossians  
2:16-17

Meaningful  
Sacrifices

Insufficient  
Sacrifices

# Colossians 2:16-17

16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. 17 These are **a shadow of the things to come**, but **the substance belongs to Christ**.



# Meaningful Sacrifices

**The Old Testament sacrifices had meaning.**

- They were completely scriptural.
- They were commanded by God.
- They were highly instructional.
- They served, year by year, as a reminder for the people of their sins.
- It was right for Israel to offer them.
- They foreshadowed the sacrifice of Christ.

# Insufficient Sacrifices

From John  
Phillips

**The Old Testament sacrifices were insufficient.**

- A shadow must be related to something with substance.
- The Old Testament sacrifices were, therefore, insufficient by their very nature.
- They were insufficient by design.
- They never really removed the people's consciousness of sin.
- They rather served as a continual reminder of sin.

In the Old Testament era, the Israelites had only shadows. The substance is in Christ.

The shadow of a key cannot unlock a prison door; the shadow of a meal cannot satisfy a hungry man; the shadow of Calvary cannot take away sin.



**John Phillips (died 2010)**  
**Moody Bible Institute**



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**Hebrews**

**10:5-10**



# Hebrews 10:5-10

Psalm  
40:6-8

- Read **Psalm 40:6-8**.
- Our rabbi is quoting from the **Septuagint** – sometimes called the **LXX**.
- This is why the quotation is not exact for us.
- The LXX was written **in Greek** in Alexandria, Egypt a few hundred years before Christ.
- It was the most common Bible in use at the time the New Testament was written.

Complete  
Agreement

From Chuck  
Smith

# Psalm 40:6-8

6 In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.

7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

8 I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."




# Complete Agreement

- **10:7** Jesus came specifically to do the will of God the Father.
- God the Father and God the Son were in **complete agreement** about what needed to be done to justly take away our sin.
- It was recorded beforehand in "**the book,**" the **Scriptures** of the **Old Testament**.



Chuck Smith (1927-2013),  
founding pastor of the  
Calvary Chapel Movement

The whole Old Testament was really about Him. It was full of prophecies concerning Him. It contained numerous types that foreshadowed Him. All the sacrifices were about Him. All the feasts and festivals depicted Him. The design of the tabernacle and temple was all about Him.



# Hebrews

## 10:11-18



## Hebrews 10:11-18

- **10:11** The Old Testament priests kept standing because **their work was never done.**
- **10:12** Jesus sat down at the right hand of God because **the work He did lasts forever.**
- **10:13** Christ now waits for His enemies to be defeated.
- This solemnly implies that not everyone will accept Christ's finished work.
- **10:14** Christ's offering of Himself perfects us **for all time.** That means **forever.**
- Your salvation is secure in Him.

The Holy  
Spirit Says

Selective  
Memory

John  
19:28-30



# The Holy Spirit Says

- **10:15** This verse introduces an Old Testament quotation by saying that the **Holy Spirit** said it before.
- This implies the **divine inspiration** of the original prophetic text.
- It was written by the **prophet Jeremiah**, it was previously quoted in **Hebrews 8**, but the Holy Spirit was speaking through them both.

# Selective Memory

- **10:16** God helps us to remember His laws.
- **10:17** God chooses to forget our sins.
- Do you find that encouraging?
- **10:18** The finality of Christ's sacrifice is the clear teaching of this passage.
- We now have **complete forgiveness** in him.

# John 19:28-30

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that **all was now finished**, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "**It is finished,**" and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



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## Full Assurance 10:19-39

- As with the previous section, we are going to divide this one up into three more bite-sized chunks.

**Hebrews  
10:19-25**

**Hebrews  
10:26-31**

**Hebrews  
10:32-39**



# Hebrews

10:19-25



## Hebrews 10:19-25

- What does it mean to have **full assurance**?
- It means we are never shy about coming into the presence of God.
- We should be in awe of him.
- We can be deeply humbled by the privilege.
- But we always know that he welcomes us.
- He wants to enjoy personal fellowship with us - his people, his kids.

Hebrews  
4:14-16

Our  
Key Verses

Let Us ...

# Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Since then we have a **great high priest** who has passed **through the heavens**, Jesus, the Son of God, **let us hold fast our confession**. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then **with confidence draw near** to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



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From Chuck  
Smith

From Tony  
Evans



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Part of the purpose of the church, as we gather together, is that we might be encouraged to good works, encouraged to seek the Lord, encouraged to forsake the things of the world, and encouraged to walk close to Christ. ... Let's encourage one another to love and to do the right things.

Forsaking the local church is tantamount to spiritual defection. The Bible knows nothing of a Christian who is severed from a local church and going it alone. If you're slipping toward spiritual failure and lethargy, the body of Christ can reel you back in.



Tony Evans, Bible Teacher  
and Commentator

# Let Us ...

- **10:22 Let us draw near** with a true heart in full assurance of faith.
- **10:23 Let us hold fast** the confession of our hope without wavering.
- **10:24 And let us consider** how to stir up one another to love and good works,





**Hebrews**

**10:26-31**



## Hebrews 10:26-31

- This is another of those terrible **warning passages** in Hebrews that few people really like.
- But they are here so we need to hear them.
- Those who rejected the law of Moses , our teacher reminds us, suffered the punishment of stoning - an ancient version of the death penalty.
- The punishment deserved by those who reject Christ is put in the form of a question, "**How much worse ...?**"

Hebrews  
2:2-3

Hebrews  
6:1-3


# Hebrews 2:2-3

2 For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard.

# Hebrews 6:1-3

Therefore **let us leave the elementary doctrine** of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and **eternal judgment.** 3 And this we will do if God permits.



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# Hebrews

## 10:32-39



## Hebrews 10:32-39

Hebrews  
6:9-12

- Our author expects better things of his audience.
- We should expect better things of one another.
- We should be willing to endure hardship for our faith - and should have compassion toward those who are enduring such struggles.
- Our continued walk with Jesus, will inevitably encourage others.

# Hebrews 6:9-12

9 Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. 10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. 11 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.



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- The teacher started the chapter by reiterating the **inadequacy** of the Old Testament sacrifices.
- He contrasted them with **the better sacrifice of Christ**.
- If we truly are forgiven in Christ, we need to live as if we know that is true.
- He encouraged us to stay in fellowship with other Christians. Then, as now, people are tempted to think they don't need our regular gatherings
- He gave us another warning not to keep on sinning, but to live like people whose hearts are now pure.

From  
Warren  
Wiersbe

Key Verses

A Final  
Prayer



Warren Wiersbe  
(1929 - 2019),  
pastor and Bible  
teacher.

The boldness we have in heaven ought to lead to spiritual growth and dedication on earth. It seems that these believers, because of trials, were neglecting Christian fellowship and the mutual encouragement that believers need from each other. Since Christ is our high priest, and we are a kingdom of priests (1 Peter 2:9), we ought to assemble together for common worship, teaching, and service.

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# A Final Prayer

Dear heavenly Father,

- We thank you that we have complete forgiveness in Christ - that his once-for-all sacrifice deals decisively with our sin.
- Help us now to have the strength to keep going.
- Give us perseverance in our walk with you - that we would never stray or grow weary of serving you and encouraging one another.
- As the Day draws near, help us to stand firm in our faith and help us to strengthen others in their faith.
- In Christ,
- Amen.



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