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The Sufficiency of the Sacrifice

Hebrews 10:1-18

Hebrews 10 explains the great sufficiency of Jesus' sacrifice. It does this by comparing the Old Testament sacrificial system with the sacrifice He made. The writer states the sacrificial system was only a shadow of something better to come. Shadows provide only a faint glimpse of the reality they depict. Shadows also cannot do what the real can. The sacrifices, though prescribed by God, were not sufficient to effect salvation. The something better to come was the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. The sacrificial system was the shadow of His sacrifice. Now through Jesus' sacrifice the totality of the law is fulfilled. Since the law is fulfilled through His sacrifice, then His sacrifice is sufficient to effect salvation.

Outline:

- I. Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient to take away your sins. (Hebrews 10:1-4)
- II. Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient to make you holy. (Hebrews 10:5-10)
- III. Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient to make you perfect. (Hebrews 10:11-14)
- IV. Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient to give you forgiveness. (Hebrews 10:15-18)
- V. Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient to invite you to the table. (Hebrews 10:18)

Additional verses:

Psalm 40

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Revelation 20:11-15

Dig Deeper:

1. Why did God not take pleasure in sacrifices of the OT? What then was the point of the OT sacrifices?
2. Why does He take pleasure in Jesus' sacrifice? What effect does Jesus' sacrifice have on the OT sacrifices?
3. What are the two different aspects of sanctification? What are the two different aspects of perfection? How do those aspects demonstrate the "already and not-yet" tension we live with?
4. What is the New Covenant? How does the Old Covenant point to the New Covenant? How was it inaugurated?
5. How does God write His laws on our hearts and on our minds? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in this?
6. What is the importance of the Book of Life found in Revelation 20:11-15? How does one's name get recorded in the Book of Life?
7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?