

# Hebrews

## Chapter Ten

**FAITH COMES BY HEARING:** Read Chapter Ten

### **SUMMARY: Verses 1-39**

1. Paul says that Jewish law could never do all that God desired for people to bring them to a real relationship with Himself. The law is kind of like a shadow, while Jesus is the reality.
2. If the law worked, priests wouldn't need to offer the same sacrifices day after day and year after year. People would have been free of sin and lived holy lives. But the system wasn't going to make anyone perfect.
3. Jesus came to fulfill the requirements of the O.T. law so we could be holy in God's sight.
4. Jesus knew that God didn't want a whole bunch of animal sacrifices and burnt offerings lying around every day. And He was obedient in doing God's will because He knew that his death would make things right. Out with the old and in with the new.
5. The Jewish priests had been trying to take away sins for centuries. Day in and day out. But Jesus goes and dies once—*once!*—and problem solved.
6. He said that He would make a new deal and people wouldn't have to worry about the law anymore. You get forgiveness! Everyone gets forgiveness!
7. So Christians shouldn't spend time doubting and worrying whether or not God will do the things He promised. Jesus is our guarantee of all God's promises.
8. Jesus SAT DOWN at God's right hand, indicating the work was acceptable and complete in God's eyes.
9. Paul exhorts them to hold on tightly to what they believe. They were to live sincere and holy and spur each other on to love and good deeds.
10. The Christians this book is addressed to have had some hard times. They've suffered, been publically ridiculed and persecuted by friends, sent to prison, and had their stuff taken.
11. But even during all that, they still kept feeling happy and cheerful. See, they knew that they had something much better. They had Jesus.
12. Paul encourages them to hold on a little longer and not throw away their confidence. There is reward when you persevere and finish the will of God.

### **REFLECTION**

1. What verse stuck out most to you?
2. How does Jesus make it possible to live every day without a guilty conscience?
3. How would you explain this phrase, "You've been made holy through the body of Jesus?"
4. "I will put My laws of their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." Why would this be so important to God?
5. How can this phrase be true in your own life: "I will remember their sins and lawless acts no more."
6. Discuss vs. 29. What do you think it means to "insult the Spirit of grace"?
7. Have you ever felt like giving up when you were under a trial or felt you were suffering unduly? What did you do about it?
8. Explain this phrase: "Our confidence is in His reward."

### **APPLICATION**

1. List any areas or situations in your life that cause you to struggle in giving up.
2. Pray over those struggles and give them over to God.
3. What are some rewards God's promises you? Meditate on these to keep your confidence high in trusting Him.

