

Heb. 10:5-10 "THE OLD WAYS AND THE NEW WAY: JESUS"

O God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your only begotten Son, give us a body unstained, a pure heart, a watchful mind, and an upright understanding, and the presence of Your Holy Spirit, that we may obtain and ever hold fast to an unshaken faith in Your Truth, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord; through whom be glory to You in the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. AMEN.

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⁵Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

‘Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;

⁶with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

⁷Then I said, “Here I am – it is written about me in the scroll –
I have come to do your will, my God.”’

⁸First he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them’ – though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹Then he said, ‘Here I am, I have come to do your will.’ He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Verses in focus –

5 – If God doesn’t desire sacrifice and offering, why did He command it in the Old Testament?

6 – If God wasn’t pleased by burnt offerings and sin offerings, what does please Him?

7 – What does doing God’s will mean?

8 – Why does the writer say God isn’t pleased by sacrifices and offerings twice?

9 – Why does the writer say that sacrifices are set aside to establish doing God’s will?

10 – Is following God’s will all we need to do to be made holy?

Passages to consider regarding these verses –

Ps. 40:6-8, 1 Sam. 15:22, Rom. 8:3.

O God, who is great, great in name and counsel, powerful in Your works, the God and Father of Your Holy Son Jesus, our Saviour, look upon us, Your flock, which You have chosen through Him to the glory of Your Name; Sanctify us in body and soul, and grant that we, being purified from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, may partake of the mystic blessings now going before You, and Judge none of us unworthy, but be our Supporter, our Helper, and Defender, through Your Christ, with whom glory, honour, laud, praise, thanksgiving be to You and the Holy Spirit forever. AMEN.

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