

“Therefore, when [Jesus] comes into the world, He says, ‘Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but a body You have prepared for Me; in whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure’. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come (in the scroll of the book it is written of Me) to do Your will, O God.’” Hebrews 10:5-7

HOPE REVEALED

An Old Testament Christmas

Lesson Four • Psalm 40:1-10 and Hebrews 10:1-18

The Night Before Christmas

On the Night Before Jesus’ Conception

Hope was revealed in **THE BODY** that the Son of God was about to receive in the miracle of the incarnation.

Three Reasons the Son of God Needed a Body

1. To Resolve the Problem We Face as Sinners SEPARATED from a Holy God.

The Bad News of Christmas Eve

What God desires and requires of us we **CANNOT** be or do!
Hebrews 10:5-6; Psalm 40:6

What a Holy God Doesn’t Want and Does Want from Us as Sinners

- God doesn’t want **EXTERNAL** religion that can never cleanse our sinful hearts.
- God wants **INTERNAL** righteousness that results in an obedient life.

What God Desires and Requires

A surrendered heart that delights in obeying His will according to His Word.
Then [David] said, “Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart.” Psalm 40:7-8

2. To Obey God’s Will to SAVE a People for Himself from Among Sinners.

The Good News of Christmas Eve

What God desires and requires Jesus has **DONE** for us in the body that God had prepared. *Hebrews 10:5-10*

Jesus Has Done in His Body What God Desires and Requires

A surrendered heart that delights in obeying His will according to His Word.

What a Holy God Wants from Us as Sinners Jesus Has Already Done in His Body

- **LIVE** obediently as our sinless substitute before God!

“For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.” Hebrews 4:15

- **DIE** sacrificially as our sufficient sacrifice before God!

“and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.” Hebrews 9:12

“By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” Hebrews 10:10

So now Jesus SITS as the Sovereign Savior at the right-hand of God!

“but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet.” Hebrews 10:12-13

3. To Make a Holy People Who DO His Will as They Wait for His Second Coming!

“For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are [being] sanctified.” Hebrews 10:14

What Does a Holy God Want His Perfected People to Do with Their Bodies?

- 1) Draw near to Him with a sincere heart and full assurance! (19-22)
- 2) Hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering! (23)
- 3) Don’t forsake gathering together to encourage one another. (24-25)
- 4) Don’t disrespect Jesus’ sacrifice by continuing in willful sin. (26-31; 12:14)
- 5) Persevere in doing His will in spite of setbacks and pushback. (32-39)

Look! I Have Come and I Am Coming Again in the Body God Prepared for Me!

- **Receive Me** and all I have done to save sinners just like you and all of us!
- **Give Me** all that I am due for all I have done to save and sanctify you:

*Give Me **your thanks** as a sacrifice of your lips! Hebrews 13:5*
*Give Me **your body** as a sacrifice of your life! Romans 12:1-2*