

Lesson 15

Hebrews 10:1-18

1. Read the full passage. Write a summary in one or two sentences.
2. Read Colossians 2:16-17, which also speaks of Old Testament practices as a shadow of coming reality in Jesus. Think about shadows and real objects in general, and their relationship to each other. How does this image help you understand the relationship between the Old Testament sacrificial system and the redeeming work of Jesus?
3. What was one purpose (or effect) of the sacrifices, according to verse 3?
4. Re-read verses 5-7, a quote from Psalm 40:6-8. Read also Psalm 51:16-17 and Micah 6:7-8. What do these verses reveal?

5. Do you ever “offer sacrifices/offerings” instead of giving God yourself in true obedience? What kinds of behaviors might fall into that category?
6. Notice the difference in the posture of the priests in verse 11 and Christ in verse 12. What do you think that signifies?
7. Notice the two different verb tenses that appear in verse 14. What action is completed, and what is continuing to occur? How do you understand this?
8. Re-read verses 17-18. For those who have trusted in the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus, forgiveness is complete. Do you continue to feel guilty for sin that God has completely forgiven? According to 1 John 1:9, what is your role concerning sin, and what is God’s?