

ONE FOR ALL, ONCE FOR ALL, FREE FOR ALL

Hebrews 10:1–18

To shrink back from Christianity (2:1–4; 3:12–13; 6:1–20) is to shrink back from Christ, the Son of God who, though greater than the angels (1:5–14), was made “for a little while lower than the angels” (2:9). He condescended himself to identify *with* humanity, be tortured *by* humanity, and die *for* humanity (2:10–18). And, because the Son was willing to suffer in this way, the Father designated him as a permanent high priest, one eclipsing and replacing all predecessors (5:1–11; 7:1–28). As a greater priest, he presented to God a greater sacrifice (7:27; 8:3) which inaugurated a greater covenant (8:3–13) mediated from a greater tabernacle (8:1–2; 9:11–28). Greater, greater, greater, Jesus is greater. And as we come to chapter 10, the author reaches a theological crescendo in his presentation of how Jesus perfectly and eternally met humanity’s greatest needs: access *to* God, forgiveness *from* God, cleansing *by* God, and fellowship *with* God.

From Many Sacrifices

10:1–4

To One Sacrifice

10:5–17

To No Sacrifices: *Stop the bloodshed!*

10:18