

# The Book of Hebrews

## Hebrews 10:5-10<sup>1</sup>

### Technically, the Author of Hebrews is Wrong (But He's Really Right!) *Hebrews 10:5*

Psalm 40 is a Psalm of David. Christ himself did not “say” this when he came into the world or ever. But the authors of the NT make it clear that David is a type of Christ. David is picture King of the picture people of God while Christ is the real King of the real people of God. Therefore, in the NT, the words of David are often said to be about Christ or actually placed on the Savior’s lips. *Acts 4:25-27, John 15:25*

### Reason to Rejoice and Live “Full Throttle” for Christ *Hebrews 10:8-10*

He set aside the first (OT sacrifices and offerings—the OC) to establish the second (the will of God—our salvation—which is the New Covenant). It was the Father’s will to sacrifice His Son for us, and it was Christ’s desire to obey His Father.

- Consider the depth of the Father’s love for us. *Luke 12:32, Romans 8:32*
- Consider the depth of Christ’s Love For us. *Romans 5:6-8*
- Consider the example left for us. *Philippians 2:1-11, 1 Peter 2:18-24*

## Hebrews 10:11-18

### Let’s Talk About Priests *Hebrews 10:11-12*

**The Council of Trent (1562) session 22 canon 3:** If anyone says that the sacrifice of the mass is one only of praise and thanksgiving; or that it is a mere commemoration of the sacrifice consummated on the cross *but not a propitiatory one*; or that it profits him only who receives, and ought not to be offered for the living and the dead, for sins, punishments, satisfaction, and other necessities, let him be anathema.

### Christ’s Part and Our Part in Christian Jihad (Holy War) *Hebrews 10:13*

When Christ returns he will put down all rebellion and judge all of His enemies with unimaginable fierceness and fury. Christ enables us to take part in this war by offering the Gospel and showing who He is by the character of our lives.

*Revelation 19:11-16, 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10, 1 Peter 2:21-3:7, 4:12-19, Ephesians 6:10-18*

### The Full Meal Deal *Hebrews 10:14-18*

Salvation cannot be ordered *a la carte*. You can’t order Christ as Savior but pass on Christ as Lord. You can’t choose to be saved but refuse to follow Christ. When you are saved you get the forgiveness of sins and a new heart that causes you to love Christ more and others more than sin and self-centeredness.

*Ezekiel 36:24-28, Jeremiah 24:7*

- Consider how you work through repentance in your own life.
- Consider what you use to motivate yourself and others to live for Christ.

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<sup>1</sup> **Technical Note # 1** Hebrews 10:5 b “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire.” (See Hebrew 10:8 as well) Did God want sacrifices or not? In Psalm 40 David is not saying that God did not desire the sacrifices and offerings that He commanded. Rather, he is saying that God does not desire sacrifices and offerings without a corresponding love for God and desire to obey Him in all other areas of life. This is a consistent theme in Scripture See *1 Samuel 15:22, Isaiah 1:10-17, Amos 5:21-26, Matthew 23:23-24*

**Technical Note #2** If you read Psalm 40:6 you will find that your version does not match up to the author of Hebrews quotation of the verse. Here is the difference:

Hebrew Old Testament (Masoretic Text): “But you have pierced (dug, opened) my ears” (See Isaiah 50:5)

Greek Old Testament (Septuagint): “But you have prepared a body for me” (Used by the author of Hebrews in 10:5)

My Explanation: It seems best to conclude that the translators of the Hebrew Old Testament into Greek (the authors of the Septuagint) simply translated an idiom “dug out/opened my ears” which means caused me to hear and desire to obey into their own idiom “you have prepared a body for me.” The author of Hebrews used the Septuagint to quote from. Both versions mean the same thing.