May 11, 2025 HEBREWS 10:1-25 "Jesus' Perfect Sacrifice, Calls For Godly Living"

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

"This is the final subsection of the expository unit that began at 7:1. In chapter 7 the author argued for the superiority of Christ, as a Priest after the order of Melchizedek, over the Levitical priests. In 8:1-10:18 he argued the superiority of Christ's priestly ministry which is based on a superior covenant (8:7-9:15) and entailed a superior sacrifice (9:16-28). Now he argued that the superior sacrifice perfects the New-Covenant worshiper." Zane C. Hodges

The word "sanctified" in verse 10 in this context, in this tense, is equivalent to Paul's use of justified, once for all. This does not imply progressive sanctification. In this context it refers to eternal redemption of the believer.

It is God's will that His children's practices match their position in Christ.

The author supports his argument with Scripture, so should we.

Vv 15-17, these verses ascribe authorship of the Scriptures to God.

Vv 22-25, three exhortations to believers: **draw near to our Great High Priest**, **hold to your confession of faith in Jesus**, and **consider one another with love.** Provoke in **verse** 24 is to literally irritate and exasperate to good deeds and love. Gather together. Encourage one another to stay the course with Jesus, the day of redemption is just around the corner. Until then walk in: faith, hope, and love.

Application:

To draw near cannot be done chasing the desires of the flesh by worldly pursuits. True/sincere hearts are filled with **faith**, not sin and guilt. No matter what their circumstances, true believers do not waver in their **hope** in the Lord Jesus and His finished work on the cross for the remission of their sins. Genuine believers **love** other believers enough to: admonish, comfort, and encourage them in their spiritual walk. Believers are to put the Lord first in their lives. Church is important, Jesus died for His church. It is sad that the author felt it necessary to say some are guilty of the habit of neglecting to gather. So much goes on when God's people do gather, there can be teaching, preaching, fellowship, support, encouragement, and even correction if needed. We don't know when Jesus will return, only that it is closer than ever before