

“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*