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Let us turn, again, to Hebrews 10:1, reviewing what we studied last night and then going on into what we're going to study this evening:

"For the law..."

That is, the Levitical law of the tabernacle.

"...having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect" Hebrews 10:1.

I asked last night and I ask again tonight if the work of Jesus in the Heavenly Sanctuary cannot make the comers thereunto perfect, how is it better than the ancient, typical service? Paul's whole point in this 10th chapter of Hebrews is that Jesus, in the sanctuary of the new covenant, accomplishes that which could not be accomplished through the offering of the blood of bulls and goats.

"The law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshipers once purged [cleansed] should have had no more conscience of sins" Hebrews 10:1–2.

If those sacrifices could have accomplished the goal of making an end of sin, of thoroughly purging the worshipers of sin, what would have happened to the sanctuary service? It would have ceased. What does that mean? It would have stopped. When the Heavenly Sanctuary accomplishes that which the earthly sanctuary could not accomplish, what will it do? It will close. Is that the goal of the sanctuary service? Thank God, friends.

You know, I was giving some of these studies over in Loma Linda awhile back, and I said to the folks, "I notice you have a big hospital here. And of course, some of it is an emergency hospital. How often is that open?"

"Well, it is open all the time."

"Day and night?"

"Day and night."

"Why?"

"Well, there are accidents happening all the time. People get sick all hours of the day and night. And so they are coming in here all the time."

And then I asked this question. "Suppose it were possible to have a class and teach people how to drive so they didn't have accidents, and teach people how to live so they didn't get sick, what would you do with that emergency hospital?"

What would they do with it? They'd close it. What for? Lack of business.

Friends, I bring good news tonight. The sanctuary in Heaven is soon going to close for lack of business. And if you say that's impossible, I say to you the things that are impossible with men are possible with God.

Now, Paul tells us what the problem is with the ancient service:

"...it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" Hebrews 10:4.

Why, no friends. If sin is such a meager thing, such a trivial thing, such a little thing, that the blood of a bullock or the blood of a goat could take away that sin, then the Son of God need never have left His throne and come to Bethlehem, to Nazareth, and to Calvary.

But oh, He had to come. There was no other way that the problem of sin could be met. He meets that problem of sin by dying on Calvary, and then, still bearing our humanity, ascending to the sanctuary above there for 18 centuries to plead His blood for the forgiveness of sins within that holy place. Then, at the end of the prophetic days in 1844, to go within the inner veil and there to appear at the mercy seat to sprinkle the blood of full and final atonement that sins may be blotted out.

When that happens, my dear friends, Jesus will come to take His church home. The church on earth and the church in Heaven will be one, indissolubly one throughout the eternal ages. I want to go home. Don't you?

We studied in those opening verses of Hebrews 10 last night, the fact that when Christ came into the world, He recognized that what the Father wanted was not the continuance of all these offerings of blood. It was not the blood of bulls and goats and lambs that God wanted. What was it? All you folks that were here last night, what was it that Jesus said the Father wanted instead of that, in place of that? Oh, say it out loud. Obedience. How's it worded here? To do Thy will. Notice it here:

"Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he said,
Sacrifice and offering thou would not..."

That is, You didn't want sacrifice and offering.

"...but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God" Hebrews 10:5–7.

Way back in Samuel's time, the prophet told Saul, "To obey is better than sacrifice." It is not sacrifice God wants. It's obedience. The only purpose of those sacrifices was to typify the one great sacrifice which could take away sin and bring man back into harmony with God and His holy law.

So Jesus said to His Father, "Father, I know what You want. It isn't continuing of those rivers of blood. I know what You want is the doing of Your will, and Father, I have come to do Your will."

And for the first time since Adam and Eve failed in the garden, here on this planet in human flesh, a perfect example of obedience was given by Jesus Christ. At the close of His life, He could say to His enemies, "Which one of you convicts Me of sin?" He said to His disciples, "I have kept My Father's commandments." His life was the law lived out—the living law, and why? Because it was written in His mind and heart.

You remember the Psalm from which Paul is quoting here, Psalm 40:8. Jesus says, speaking prophetically:

"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart" Psalm 40:8.

So the apostle says:

"He takes away the first..."

That is, these offerings of bulls and goats..."

"...that he may establish the second..."

That is, the doing of the will of God.

"...By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" Hebrews 10:9–10.

We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Is the Savior's sacrifice sufficient to take you and me and bring our lives in harmony with this law? Paul says it is:

"And every priest stands daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one

sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified” Hebrews 10:11–14.

In these next few verses, we have the climax of Paul's presentation. And I wish you would notice the reading of the scripture carefully from verses 15 through 18. And I shall read the margin at the beginning of the 17th verse. Listen carefully. Read. Get it through the eye and the ear:

“Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them...”

Then he said.

“...and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin” Hebrews 10:15–18.

Let us take that last expression:

“...there is no more offering for sin” Hebrews 10:18.

Some day, friends, if we could look up there in Heaven when probation closes, we would see that there is no more offering for sin. The offering for sin has ceased to be offered. That's what Paul is talking about. There comes a time when there is no more offering for sin.

Now friends, that scares some people. It doesn't scare me. It cheers me. And I want it to cheer every one of you.

Wouldn't it be a shame if this offering for sin had to continue all through eternity? Wouldn't it be a shame if the sanctuary had to stay open, like an emergency hospital, and people keep running in with accidents from sin, sickness from sin, people coming in asking forgiveness for murder or adultery?

Oh, somebody says, “But, Brother Frazee, nobody would ever do anything like that and go to Heaven.”

Well, take some of the other things. Where would you stop? Would you like to have people go to Heaven, and every few days have to ask Jesus to forgive them for losing their temper? How about that? Wouldn't you rather have that all cured before people go to Heaven? Tell me, friend, wouldn't you like to be cured before you go to Heaven? Wouldn't you? Well, He says He's going to do it. Let's give Him a chance. What do you say?

Don't be like Abraham and Sarah and think it is so impossible that you've to go get Hagar, the Egyptian, and work out some human way to do it. No, no. The birth of faith brings Isaac. Isaac is the child of promise. And it is in obedience to God's command that we shall find the miracle performed.

Oh friends, there is coming a time when the sanctuary will be closed, when there's no more offering for sin. Now that's the last line. Let's take the line before. When is it when the sanctuary closes?

"...where remission of these is..." Hebrews 10:18.

Remission of sins: When the sins are blotted out on the mercy seat; when full and final atonement has been made; when the High Priest takes those sins and goes out to the court and puts them on the scapegoat and he's led away, then, my dear friends, sin has been remitted, has been eradicated, taken away from the sanctuary, and the sanctuary can close, for that is its purpose.

And when will this be? Well, take the line before:

"And their sins and iniquities I will remember no more"
Hebrews 10:17.

When even God can sweep away all the memory of the sin and iniquity of His people, and when is this? Ah, we come now to the real point, and that's the sixteenth verse, when the new covenant promise is fulfilled:

"...I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds
will I write them" Hebrews 10:16.

Let me put it very simply, a paraphrase of what we have just read: When the new covenant promise is fulfilled and the law of God is written in the minds and hearts of His children, then, through the blood of sprinkling, it will be safe to blot out all their sins from the records of Heaven, close the sanctuary, and come and take His people home.

You see, then, how important it is to have the law of God written in the mind and heart. Christ can never come until that is done. You remember what Brother Menchen read at the early morning service from *Christ's Object Lessons*:

"Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own" *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 69.

That's another way of saying the same thing that Paul is quoting here from the promise, the new covenant promise—I will write My law in their minds and hearts. So we'll study this for a little while, tonight.

What does it mean to have the law written in the mind and heart? Well, I'd like to have you think of the law written in the mind as meaning: knowing God's will as revealed in His law.

Let me illustrate it. How many of you here tonight, 10 years ago, did not know that the seventh-day, Saturday, was God's Sabbath? You found it out sometime in the last 10 years. May I see your hands? Why, look at that, all over this congregation! Well, what happened?

Perhaps some colporteur came to your home and sold you *Bible Readings* or *The Triumph of God's Love* or some other book that had the Sabbath message in it, and you read it. Perhaps you read it yourself in the Bible and found it by the Holy Spirit. Perhaps you were listening to The Voice of Prophecy or viewing Faith for Today or It Is Written. Perhaps some good neighbor sent you the *Signs of the Times* or some other periodical. Perhaps somebody gave you a tract or loaned you a book. Perhaps you attended some Bible studies or cottage meetings. Perhaps you attended an evangelistic series. There are more ways that God uses to reach people.

My point is that sometime in the last 10 years, each one of you who raised your hands, have had something written in your mind that wasn't there 10 years ago. Do you see? You got more light on the law, from the law. You found out something about God's will that you didn't know before.

I have another question to ask, and this is for everybody in the pavilion. How many of you are sure that sometime in the last 10 years God has helped you to see something else, other than the Sabbath that He wanted different in your life—that you came to a knowledge of some point that made a change in your life sometime in the last ten years? May I see your hands? Well, thank the Lord, friends. I hope if there's anybody that didn't raise your hand, you'll get to studying.

I have another question, and this one I'm not going to ask you to raise your hands on, because I just want you to think about it—you and Jesus. Do any of you think there might possibly be some more things that God wants to teach you that you haven't learned yet? Do you think so?

David prayed:

“Open thou mine eyes, that I might behold wondrous things out of thy law” Psalm 119:18.

Now listen, if you and I really want to learn more of God's will, what will we be doing every day? Studying this law.

“Oh,” somebody says, “Brother Frazee, I know the Ten Commandments. I can repeat them by heart. I learned them when I was a boy or girl. I know all that.”

Listen, friends. There isn't a one of us here, who has exhausted all there is of the knowledge of God's will as revealed in the Ten Commandments. Everything that

God ever wanted us to do and ever will want us to do is inherently, intrinsically, in the Ten Commandments, the Decalogue. So the wise man says:

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment...”
Ecclesiastes 12:13–14.

When our lives are measured in the Most Holy Place, the measuring line is the Ten Commandment law, right? James 2:10–12.

“Well,” somebody says, “what’s the rest of the Bible for, then?”

I’ll tell you. I see several of you are like I am. I need glasses to read now. I didn’t used to, but I do now. And what are the glasses for? To help me see. The glasses don’t add a single word. Am I right? And in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, we have a pair of lenses—the Bible is a pair of lenses—focused and adjusted to help us read the law of God. Christ came to magnify the law. That’s what He tells us in Isaiah 42:21. Let’s put the magnifying glass of the Old and New Testaments on God’s law, and study it day by day to find out what God wants to do in our lives. What do you say?

This is part of what’s involved in getting us ready for the cleansing of the sanctuary. For as Brother Maxwell brought out so vividly the other morning, God can never blot out our sins in the record books up there as long as those sins are not blotted out of our lives here. This is so important. But before those sins can be taken out of our lives, they must be revealed to us.

Paul said:

“...by the law is the knowledge of sin” Romans 3:20.

“...I had not known sin but by the law...” Romans 7:7.

So, if I want to know sin in my life so I can ask Jesus to take it out, I need to study what? The law. And remember, the Bible is a pair of glasses to help us to see wondrous things out of the law.

Let’s take a few examples of this. You remember in His sermon on the mount, Jesus commented on some of the commandments. He took the Sixth Commandment: “Thou shall not kill” (Exodus 20:13), and before He got through with it as he put the magnifying glass on it, He showed that the man that is angry with his brother has broken what commandment? The Sixth Commandment, really? Do you believe that? Did you ever get angry with your brother, your wife, your husband, your children, your neighbors? Well, when you got angry, Jesus said you did what? Broke the Sixth Commandment.

The apostle John, as he puts the magnifying glass of inspiration on it, tells us in 1 John 3 that he that hates his brother is what? A murderer. It doesn’t say he’s liable to be a murderer. He’s already a murderer when he does what? Hates.

You and I probably wouldn't know that unless we had the Bible reference, just as I can't read certain fine print unless I put my glasses on. But inspiration says it's all there in the law. I choose to believe what God says. What do you say, friends?

Let me illustrate it in another way:

“Thou shall not kill” Exodus 20:13.

Then if a man murders his neighbor with a pistol or sword or cup of poison, he has broken that law. He's a murderer. Suppose, instead of doing it to his neighbor, he does it to himself. What about that? Has he broken the Sixth Commandment?

Suppose instead of taking one cup of poison with enough poison in the cup to kill him all at once, he spreads it out over hundreds of cups—suicide on the installment plan. Is it any less self-murder? No. And whether it's a glass of whiskey or a cup of tea or a cup of coffee, or a bottle of one of these cola drinks, every beverage that has poison in it, friends, is shortening life, and in some ways even worse, it's dulling the brain all the time that, that death-dealing process is going on. Do you see?

The Devil doesn't care whether the thing that shortens my life and dulls my vision is drinking whiskey, or using tobacco, or lack of exercise or failure to control my appetite, or worry and worry and worry, that short circuits the nervous system.

Oh, I'm so glad that God put health reform in the third angel's message. Aren't you? I'm so glad for these fine things that Dr. McGee is bringing us from the School of Health at Loma Linda every afternoon. I'm so glad for these opportunities to exercise he's giving us in the early morning, before the early morning meeting. It's all part of the program, and it's all part of that Sixth Commandment. That's what I want you to see, friends. I'm so glad for some glasses to help us see what is there.

Well, Christ in the Sermon on the Mount put His finger on the Seventh Commandment: “Thou shall not commit adultery” Exodus 20:14. And Christ said that the man that looks with lustful thought at some woman has committed adultery with her already, where? In his heart. That magnifies the law, doesn't it? It reaches beyond the outward act and reaches to the inner thought.

Oh, men for whom Christ died, how few are pure-minded today! But concerning the remnant who have their sins blotted out in the Most Holy Place, it is written:

“...in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God” Revelation 14:5.

Men, let's pray for pure minds. What do you say?

But now I have a question: If God is going to bring into judgment the man that looks at some woman with a lustful thought, what will He do with the woman who dresses in such a way that those lustful thoughts are aroused? Or is that a fair

question? Is it relevant? Oh, dear sisters in Christ, if you only knew how you're contributing to the downfall of many a man when you follow the immodest, lewd, lascivious fashions of this modern age, you would come to the sanctuary and with weeping confess your transgression of the Seventh Commandment.

Now, if we will study the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, we will find, as I have said, that the entire Bible is magnifying one commandment after the other. But now, notice that Jesus' promise is to write this law, not only in our minds but where? In our hearts. I would like to have you think of this, tonight, as not only knowing God's will but loving God's will. Let me see if we can get some help in understanding this.

I see a little baby over here. Is the baby's mother here? Hold up your hand if this baby's mother is here. Is this your baby? All right, now, I want to ask this mother a question. And don't think this is something crude or rude. I want you to get something that you'll never forget, friends. Suppose I ask this mother, "Mother, why don't you kill that baby?"

"Oh," you say, "Horrors!"

Yes, horrors.

And suppose she would answer me, "Why, Brother Frazee, don't you know there is a law here in the state of Arizona against that? And if I should kill the baby the police would come, and I'd be taken to jail. I might have to spend my whole life in prison. So I'm pretty careful how I take care of the little fellow. There are times when I just feel like I'm about to do it, but when I think of that jail, I don't dare."

Is that the answer? Now, let's go a little further.

Suppose when I ask her that question, she says to me, "Why, Brother Frazee, don't you know that up there in the Ark in the Temple in Heaven there is a law that says, 'Thou shall not kill'? And if I were to kill the child, I'd go to hell and burn, and I don't want that. And sometimes I just have to pray so hard to keep from killing the child, but when I think of those burning flames..."

No, folks, this isn't any laughing matter, believe me. I'm dead serious. I want you to get something. Tell me, is that the answer? Do you think the baby is safe? Tell me; is there a law in the state of Arizona against murder? Is there a law in the Ark in the Temple in Heaven against murder? Where is the law written that's protecting that little child? In that mother's heart. Do you think the baby is safe?

Mother, don't you wish all the law was written in your heart that same way?

Do you see what I mean, folks? Could it be? Well, if it can't, the sanctuary will have to keep open. But when the law of God is written in the mind and in the heart so that we not only know God's will but love it, it will be safe for Jesus to sprinkle the blood and close the sanctuary once for all.

You see, dear folks, if you love your children, it is not hard to keep from killing them. It's easy if you love them. Isn't it? Husbands, if you love your wife, it is not hard to keep from committing adultery, either in body or in mind. All it takes is love. Isn't that true? Children, if you love father and mother, it isn't hard to obey them. All it takes is love. And so Paul says in Romans 13:10:

“...love is the fulfilling of the law” Romans 13:10.

Strange that anybody ever got the idea that if you have enough love, you don't need to fulfill the law. What a strange idea!

Jesus says, If you love me, you will keep my commandments (John 14:15).

“...love is the fulfilling of the law” Romans 13:10.

I repeat, it's easy if you have love. Why make it hard? Do you think it's hard for this mother to keep from murdering the child? No. She loves the child. That's all it takes. And all it takes to do everything that God has said in every one of the commandments is just love; to know His will and to love His will, this is it.

How is it going to be done? The new covenant promise is: I will write my law in their minds. I will write my law in their hearts. Friends, I suggest that we attend the classes every day that Jesus is conducting in writing this law in our minds and hearts. What do you say?

Do you know some people's problem? They want to find a Xerox machine where they can run their minds and hearts through, and in five minutes, have it all done. But, I offer you no such program. Oh, you can have your sins forgiven as you confess them, but sanctification is the work, not of a moment or an hour or a day, but of a what? A lifetime.

And that doesn't mean that if you wait long enough, you'll either die or be translated, and that will take care of everything. The mere passing time will not sanctify you. The mere passing time will not write God's law in your mind and heart. But if you and I will come to the sanctuary, Jesus has promised to not only forgive our past sins but to write His law in our mind and heart so that we'll know His will and love it; that we'll love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Do you believe He can do it? Do you have faith that He can do it? Oh friends, shall we give Him the time every day?

I wonder how we're going to get the time. Perhaps tomorrow night I can give you some things on that. But tonight, is it clear, friends that God has promised to write this law in our minds and hearts? Would you like to have it done? Would you like to have love enough to do all the things you already know that God expects?

And instead of committing yourself to the bondage of salvation by works, why not do as Brother Maxwell brought to us at 11:00 this morning? Why not let the heavenly Salesman in, and buy of Him gold tried in the fire, which is faith and love?

And love takes precedence over faith. Why not get enough love to do what He says?

But this love is not some cheap sentiment. This is love that finds expression in what? Obedience. Do you know where we'll get that love? We'll get it at the sanctuary, for that's where God is, and God is love.

Here in the sanctuary, we shall find His love revealed—in the offering here in the court where the Savior dies for us; in His priestly work within the veil where He pleads that blood in our behalf; in His intercession at the mercy seat where He longs to complete the whole program by blotting out sin once for all. When He's spending His whole life, His whole time, in this one thing, wouldn't it be the expression of gratitude for us to join with Him in getting it done? In getting rid of sin, in loving righteousness, in letting Him reign in our hearts and lives? Oh, I thank God that it can be so.

I wonder if there's somebody here tonight that God has spoken to, and you recognize that God is calling you to make a definite change in your life on some point. I'll leave it with the Holy Spirit to convict you. You know there are some people who need to do better, but there are some people who, instead of doing better, just need to have a complete change. If we're headed in the right direction, we may need to go faster. But if we're headed in the wrong direction, we don't need to go faster. We need to come to a stop and turn clear around. Am I right?

There's somebody here tonight to whom God is speaking, and you recognize that if you keep going in the direction you're going, you never would be ready for Heaven. There's somebody to whom God is talking about something in your life that you need to turn clear around on. If you will, for Jesus' sake, give that to Christ as your dying Lamb, your living Priest, I want you to stand where you are. Christ stands for you in Heaven. He invites you to stand for Him here, tonight. Just remain standing while others think this through.

Oh friends, I want to see some victories here tonight that will make all Heaven ring with songs of rejoicing. Just remain standing, and you, who are standing, bow your heads and talk with Christ. Forget about this congregation. Think of Jesus and all the angels in Heaven. Think of how glad Jesus is to welcome you, and to take your sin, to cover it with His precious blood.

Is there somebody else that God is talking tonight? You've been convicted that there is something that needs to be changed in your life; some definite thing that you need to give up; something you need to put on the altar; something that God wants to take out of your life and put in, instead, the graces of His Holy Spirit. Thank God for every one. You're precious to Jesus.

Remember, just bow your heads and talk to Christ about this.

“...Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world” John 1:29

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