

## Expanded Report: The Perfect Sacrifice of Christ (Hebrews 9:1-28)

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### Prologue: The Superiority of Christ's Sacrifice

As the family gathered for their evening study, Ryan opened the Bible to Hebrews 9:1-28. In this passage, the author explains how Jesus' sacrifice surpasses the sacrifices of the old covenant, offering eternal redemption through His own blood. The passage contrasts the temporary and incomplete sacrifices of the Old Testament with the once-for-all, perfect sacrifice that Jesus made for humanity. The author highlights that Christ entered the heavenly sanctuary—not an earthly one—to offer His blood as the perfect atonement for sin. This powerful teaching emphasizes that Jesus' sacrifice is the only means of securing eternal forgiveness and access to God.

"Tonight, we're going to learn about why Jesus' sacrifice is so much greater than the sacrifices made under the Old Covenant," Ryan said. "Jesus didn't just offer an animal sacrifice in a temple; He offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins, and His blood provides eternal redemption."

Ariel, curious about the connection between Jesus' sacrifice and the Old Testament sacrifices, asked, "How is Jesus' sacrifice better than the old sacrifices?"

"That's a great question," Ryan smiled. "The old sacrifices were temporary, and they had to be repeated every year. But Jesus' sacrifice is permanent and perfect. His sacrifice doesn't need to be repeated—it was sufficient for all time."

Alice, holding Mr. Fluffernutter close, asked, "So, Jesus gave His blood for us, and that means we don't need to do sacrifices anymore?"

"Exactly," Yaya said. "Jesus' sacrifice was the one and only sacrifice that could truly take away our sins. Because of Him, we don't need to offer any more sacrifices."

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### Key Teachings: The Perfect and Eternal Sacrifice of Christ

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#### 1. The Earthly Tabernacle and Its Sacrifices

##### Hebrews 9:1-10

"Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people."

- **The Old Covenant and Its Limited Sacrifices:**

Ryan explained, “The Old Covenant, established through Moses, had a physical tabernacle where sacrifices were made for the sins of the people. The high priest would enter the Holy of Holies once a year to offer a sacrifice for the people’s sins, but this was only temporary. These sacrifices couldn’t fully take away sin; they were symbolic and pointed to something greater.”

Ariel asked, “So, the Old Testament sacrifices weren’t perfect?”

“Correct,” Ryan said. “They were part of the system that God established, but they were never meant to be permanent. They were a shadow of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus would make.”

- **The Need for a Perfect Sacrifice:**

Ryan continued, “The sacrifices in the Old Covenant could never remove sin completely. They were a reminder of sin, and every year, more sacrifices were needed. But Jesus came to offer the perfect sacrifice once and for all, ending the need for more sacrifices.”

Yaya added, “The Old Covenant was temporary, but Jesus’ sacrifice is eternal. That’s why His sacrifice is so much greater.”

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## 2. Christ’s Entrance into the Heavenly Sanctuary

### Hebrews 9:11-12

“But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”

- **Christ as the Perfect High Priest:**

Ryan explained, “While the Old Covenant priests entered a physical tabernacle to offer sacrifices, Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary. He didn’t offer the blood of goats or calves—He offered His own blood, which secured eternal redemption for all who believe in Him.”

Ariel asked, “So, Jesus entered the real, heavenly sanctuary, not an earthly one?”

“Yes,” Ryan said. “The earthly tabernacle was just a shadow of the true sanctuary in heaven. Jesus’ sacrifice in the heavenly sanctuary has eternal significance, unlike the temporary sacrifices in the earthly tabernacle.”

- **Eternal Redemption Through Christ’s Blood:**

Ryan continued, “Jesus’ blood provides eternal redemption. His sacrifice was perfect, and it secured our forgiveness for all time. Unlike the Old Testament sacrifices that had to be repeated, Jesus’ sacrifice is once for all. He doesn’t need to offer Himself again—His work is complete.”

Yaya added, “This is why we can have confidence in our salvation. Jesus’ sacrifice was sufficient for all our sins—past, present, and future.”

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### 3. The Necessity of Christ's Blood for Forgiveness

#### Hebrews 9:22

“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.”

- **The Importance of Blood for Atonement:**

Ryan explained, “The Old Covenant established that blood was necessary for the remission of sins. In the Old Testament, the blood of animals was used as a temporary atonement for sin. But the blood of animals could never fully take away sin. It was a picture of the ultimate sacrifice, which would come through Jesus.”

Ariel asked, “So, Jesus’ blood is what really takes away our sins?”

“Yes,” Ryan said. “Jesus’ sacrifice is the only one that can truly cleanse us from sin. His blood paid the price for our sins, once and for all.”

- **The Power of Jesus’ Sacrifice:**

Ryan continued, “Jesus’ blood is powerful—it completely washes away our sins. Without His sacrifice, there would be no way for us to be forgiven. But because of Jesus, we can stand before God without guilt or condemnation.”

Yaya added, “Jesus’ blood gives us the ultimate forgiveness. It’s not based on what we do, but on what Jesus has already done for us.”

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### 4. Christ's Sacrifice and Eternal Redemption

#### Hebrews 9:24-28

“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”

- **Jesus’ One-Time Perfect Sacrifice:**

Ryan explained, “Jesus offered Himself once for all to put away sin. Unlike the Old Covenant priests who had to offer sacrifices repeatedly, Jesus’ sacrifice was sufficient for all time. His work is complete, and we can be assured that our sins are fully forgiven.”

Ariel asked, “So, Jesus doesn’t have to keep sacrificing Himself? It’s done forever?”

“That’s right,” Ryan said. “Jesus’ sacrifice was a once-and-for-all event. He doesn’t have to die again for us. His sacrifice is eternal, and it’s enough to cover all our sins.”

- **Christ’s Second Coming and Full Salvation:**

Ryan continued, “Jesus will return a second time, not to deal with sin, but to bring salvation to

those who are eagerly waiting for Him. His first coming dealt with sin, and His second coming will bring us into the fullness of our salvation.”

Yaya added, “We have hope in Jesus’ return. He is coming back to bring us fully into the salvation He secured for us.”

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## **5. The Key Teaching: Jesus’ Perfect Sacrifice Secures Eternal Forgiveness**

### **Key Teaching:**

The key teaching of this passage is that Jesus’ sacrifice is the perfect and final atonement for sin. Through His own blood, Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary and secured eternal redemption for all who believe in Him. Unlike the Old Covenant sacrifices, which were temporary and repeated, Jesus’ sacrifice is once for all, offering complete forgiveness and eternal access to God. His blood is the means by which we are fully cleansed from sin, and through His perfect sacrifice, we are assured of salvation.

Ryan summarized, “This passage shows us that Jesus’ sacrifice is not just a one-time event—it is the ultimate sacrifice that covers all our sins, for all time. Because of His sacrifice, we can have complete forgiveness and eternal life with God.”

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## **Practical Applications: Embracing the Perfect Sacrifice of Christ**

The family discussed how

they could apply these teachings in their daily lives:

### **1. Living in the Assurance of Forgiveness:**

Ariel suggested, “I can be confident that my sins are completely forgiven because of Jesus’ sacrifice.”

Alice added, “When I mess up, I can ask Jesus to forgive me, knowing that He already paid for my sins.”

### **2. Grateful Living in Response to Jesus’ Sacrifice:**

Ryan encouraged them, “We should live every day with gratitude for what Jesus has done. His sacrifice was perfect, and it gives us eternal life and forgiveness. We can honor Him by living for Him.”

### **3. Looking Forward to Jesus’ Return:**

Yaya reminded them, “We can live with hope, knowing that Jesus will return to bring us to the fullness of our salvation.”

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## **Takeaway: The Perfect Sacrifice of Christ**

As the family reflected, Yaya shared a personal story about how she experienced the peace of Jesus' forgiveness. "There was a time when I was struggling with guilt, but when I realized that Jesus' sacrifice was enough to forgive all my sins, I felt such peace. His blood covers everything."

Ariel smiled, "So, when we ask Jesus to forgive us, we can know for sure that we're forgiven?"

"Yes," Ryan said, "Jesus' sacrifice is perfect and complete. We can live confidently in His forgiveness and know that His work on the cross is enough for all time."

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## **Key Points Summary**

### **1. Jesus' Sacrifice Is Once for All:**

- Jesus' sacrifice is the perfect and final atonement for sin. His blood, shed once for all, cleanses us from sin completely.

### **2. Eternal Redemption Through Christ's Blood:**

- Jesus' sacrifice offers eternal redemption, securing our forgiveness and access to God forever.

### **3. Living with Assurance and Hope in Christ:**

- Because of Jesus' perfect sacrifice, we can live with assurance of forgiveness and eternal life. We eagerly await His return, knowing that He will bring us to the fullness of our salvation.
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## **Key Verse:**

**"Without shedding of blood is no remission."** (Hebrews 9:22)

This passage teaches us that Jesus' perfect sacrifice is the only means of securing eternal forgiveness. His blood was shed once for all, securing our redemption and giving us confident access to God's grace.