

Jesus, A Better Bridge

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TEXT: Hebrews 7:18-28

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18 *For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,*

19 *for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.*

20 *And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath*

21 *(for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: “The Lord has sworn and will not relent, ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek’”),*

22 *by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.*

23 *Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.*

24 *But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.*

25 *Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.*

26 *For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;*

27 *who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.*

28 *For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.*

I. I need a bridge because my _____ has _____ me from God.

II. The _____ bridge (The Law) was _____.

Three Reasons Why the Bridge of Obeying the Law Was Useless

REASON #1: It was _____ with hundreds of _____.

REASON #2: The _____ of the toll was too _____.

REASON #3: It _____ reached the _____.

Hebrews 10:1, 3-4

1 The old system [bridge] under the Law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come ...

3 ... those sacrifices actually reminded them of their sins year after year.

4 For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. (NLT)

Two Very Important Truths

TRUTH #1: It was _____ possible for the blood of bulls and goats to _____ sin.

TRUTH #2: The reason they kept making sacrifices was to _____ them of their sins, which were _____ forgiven.

III. The _____ Bridge (Jesus) is _____!

A Two-Step Response

STEP #1: We _____ the offer of salvation.

STEP #2: We _____ and _____ a loving relationship with God.

Three Better Advantages

ADVANTAGE #1: There is only _____ on this bridge: _____.

**ADVANTAGE #2: Our _____ has already been paid—
_____.**

ADVANTAGE #3: This bridge is completely _____ because it leads to _____.