

## Hebrews 10:3 – 18

New American Standard Bible 1995

**Read the passage through completely before looking at these questions.**

### **Observation (What does it say?):**

What do you notice in this passage? Use different symbols (underline, circle, star, etc.) to mark:

- Repeated words or ideas
- References to time
- Purpose, explanation, logical connections
- Unusual or symbolic language
- Compare the indented quotations with their OT sources (back page).
- What else do you observe in this passage?

### **Interpretation (What does it mean?):**

After observing the passage:

- How does this passage connect with the preceding section (9:18-10:4) from last week? Similarities? Differences?
- Is the writer simply making the same point as before? Does this passage add to his argument? If so, how? If not, why repeat?
- What parts seem unclear or confusing?
- What parts challenge your previous thinking?
- What questions come to mind as you read?

### **Application (What does it mean for me?):**

- What do you think of when you consider Jesus seated at the Father's right hand?
- How might this passage affect your understanding of who God is and what He is doing and what He has done?
- What would be different (attitudes, behavior) if God used this passage to change you?

1   <sup>3</sup> But in those *sacrifices* there is a reminder of sins year by  
2   year. <sup>4</sup> For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to  
3   take away sins. <sup>5</sup> Therefore, when He comes into the world,  
4   He says,  
5       “Sacrifice and offering You have not desired,  
6       But a body You have prepared for Me;  
7       <sup>6</sup> In whole burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin You  
8       have taken no pleasure.  
9       <sup>7</sup> “Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come  
10      (In the scroll of the book it is written of Me)  
11      To do Your will, O God.’” [*Psalm 40:6-8a*]  
12   <sup>8</sup> After saying above, “Sacrifices and offerings and whole  
13   burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin You have not desired,  
14   nor have You taken pleasure *in them*” (which are offered  
15   according to the Law), <sup>9</sup> then He said, “Behold, I have come  
16   to do Your will.” He takes away the first in order to establish  
17   the second. <sup>10</sup> By this will we have been sanctified through  
18   the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.  
19   <sup>11</sup> Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time  
20   after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away  
21   sins; <sup>12</sup> but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all  
22   time, sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that  
23   time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His  
24   feet. <sup>14</sup> For by one offering He has perfected for all time those  
25   who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us;  
26   for after saying,  
27       <sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant that I will make with them  
28       After those days, says the Lord:  
29       I will put My laws upon their heart,  
30       And on their mind I will write them,”  
31   He then says,  
32       <sup>17</sup> “And their sins and their lawless deeds  
33       I will remember no more.” [*Jeremiah 31:33a, 34b*]  
34   <sup>18</sup> Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no  
35   longer any offering for sin.

**For additional thought and discussion:**

**Psalms 40**

<sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired;  
My ears You have opened;  
Burnt offering and sin offering You have not  
required.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Behold, I come;  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

<sup>8</sup> I delight to do Your will, O my God;  
Your Law is within my heart."

**Jeremiah 31**

<sup>33</sup> "But this is the covenant which I will make with  
the house of Israel after those days," declares  
the Lord, "I will put My law within them and on their  
heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they  
shall be My people. <sup>34</sup> They will not teach again,  
each man his neighbor and each man his brother,  
saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know Me,  
from the least of them to the greatest of them,"  
declares the Lord, "for I will forgive their iniquity,  
and their sin I will remember no more."

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For examples of inductive studies: <http://www.goodnotsafe.com/inductive-bible-study-examples-2/>

**Inductive Bible Study**

(A few general ideas)

**Observation**  
**(What does it say?)**

What facts do you **observe** about  
the passage that help bring out  
the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it  
(poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or  
left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the  
passage (pronouns,  
prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of  
purpose ("in order that...")?
- Are there conclusions  
("Therefore...")?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically  
break into sections?
- How would you summarize the  
passage?
- What would be a good  
"headline" for the passage?

**Interpretation**  
**(What does it mean?)**

What questions come to mind  
about the facts that would help  
you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers  
have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use  
repetition, or contrast, or  
unusual words?
- What does the grammar or  
structure of the passage reveal  
about the writer's thought  
pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in  
the passage?
- How are different ideas in the  
passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or  
concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the  
passage?

**Application**  
**(What does it mean for me?)**

What is the impact on your life?  
What **application** does the Holy  
Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be  
thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to  
worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures,  
but draw everything from them,  
and suffer nothing to remain  
hidden that is really in them.  
J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)**

For a much more detailed description of the methodology, see

Robert A. Traina, *Methodical Bible Study*. Wilmore, Kentucky: Asbury Theological Seminary, 1952.

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