ANCHORS THAT WILL HOLD IN LIFE’S STORMS

Text: Hebrews 6:18,19.
Introduction: The writer tells us we have an anchor that is both sure and steadfast. That anchor is Jesus Christ. The storms will come in your life. Some people have nothing to hold on to, to stabilize and anchor them. In life, we must find someone or something that will give us security. There are some anchors that the Lord offers us that will hold in any and every storm of life. May we reach out and grab hold of the anchor and not let go.

I. THE SAVIOR IS AN ANCHOR IN LIFE’S STORMS.

A. He is a sure anchor.
1. Sure means firm, secure, safe, or certain.
2. This is the kind of anchor Jesus is. He is able to deliver us. He has the power. He is sufficient.
3. When the storms of life are raging, Jesus can and will anchor us.
4. He will keep you anchored. You can hold on to Him.

B. He is a steadfast anchor.
1. Steadfast means firm, sure. There is no reason to doubt His power or ability to anchor you.
2. Jesus can calm you in the storms of life or calm the storms in your life.
3. In troubles, trials, tough times, He is very, very able to help and aid you.

C. He is a soul anchor.
1. Many people turn to drink, drugs, desires, or deception to ease the pain and heartache.
2. Jesus is very near and dear to us. He can calm you, comfort you, console you, and counsel you.
3. The spiritual help He can offer to you is greater than the human or freshly temporary help.

II. THE SCRIPTURE IS AN ANCHOR IN LIFE’S STORMS.

A. It is truth.
1. Jesus said, "Thy word is truth." John 17:17. The Bible is the pure, tried, true Word of God.
2. The scripture is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. II Timothy 3:17.
3. One only has to read the Bible to know the message contained in it is spiritual and of God.

B. It is trustful.
2. The ideas, philosophies, theories of man change too quick and often.
3. God’s Word changes not. It remains the same.
4. You can depend upon it completely and entirely.

C. It is tested.
1. Time has tested the Bible. In spite of the passing of years, it still is a best seller.
2. Satan and his servants have tried to burn and destroy God’s Word, but he cannot.
3. If you but try God and His Word, you will know it to be true because you have tested it.
1. He witnesses with our spirit that we are the children of God. Romans 8:16.
2. He produces spiritual fruit in our lives that bears witness that we are saved. Galatians 5:22,23.
3. We are not left alone. He is our Comforter.

C. **He illuminates.**
2. He teaches us the truth and principles of righteousness. I Corinthians 2:13.
3. He will show us the things of the Lord. John 16:14.

D. **He instills.**
1. He sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts. Romans 5:5.
2. We love the brethren which is an indication of being saved. I John 3:14.
3. He instills within us the desire and delight of the things of God.

IV. **THE SERVANT IS AN ANCHOR IN LIFE’S STORMS.**

A. **The servant is a friend.**
1. There is a special love for the people of the Lord. I John 3:14.
2. In Paul’s letters he mentions some of God’s people by name.
3. Christian friends are such a wonderful blessing.

B. **The servant’s fellowship.**
1. We may not have the same likes and dislikes.
2. We have all things common in the service of the Lord. Acts 2:44.
3. We agree on salvation, savior, scriptures, service, and second coming.

C. **Servants are followers.**
1. They are followers of the Lord. I Peter 2:21; Ephesians 5:1.
2. They follow the ways of the Lord written in the Word.
3. They are leaders. Others who have just started in the work need to follow them.

D. **Servants are faithful.**
1. They are devoted and dedicated to their Lord.
2. They obey Matthew 6:33. They love the Lord and show it.

V. **THE SECOND COMING IS AN ANCHOR IN LIFE’S STORMS.**

A. **It is soon.**
1. No man, angel, not even the Son of God knows when the Savior will return.
2. When the Father commands the Son, He will return. Signs of the time will help us to see the immediate time.

B. **It is sudden.**
1. When they cry peace, peace, then sudden destruction.
2. Jesus will return when people are not thinking He will return.

C. **It is solemn.**
1. He returns to judge the works of His people. II Corinthians 5:10.

D. **It is satisfying.**
1. The end of this age will usher in the 1,000 years reign and eternity.
2. The Lord’s people long to see their Savior.

E. **It is serene.**
1. Jesus returns as the Lord of lords and King of kings.
2. He will rule and reign with those He has washed in His own blood.

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**OUR RESOURCEFUL GOD**

*Text: James 1:17*

**Introduction:**

A. Our God is our Father! Matthew 7:11.
B. Promise to Claim: Matthew 7:7-8.
C. Caution!!! James 4:2-3.
D. **Our God, Our Father, Our Sufficiency:** II Corinthians 3:5; II Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 4:19.

**E. Suggestion:** Our most urgent "NEED" may not always be either 'physical' or 'material'; it may be "SPIRITUAL!" Thus this message: OUR GOD IS THE FATHER OF RESOURCES OTHER THAN PHYSICAL OR MATERIAL.

**OUR GOD IS GOD OF "VISION!"**


B. Examples:
1. Paul: Acts 16:9,10. *And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.*
2. Peter: Acts 10. (The gospel is for everyone!)
   a. Happened at the hour of prayer.
   b. God worked on both ends of the line to bring Peter together with the household and kinsmen of Cornelius!
   c. The blessed results...SOULS SAVED AND BAPTIZED!
C. Eye-Opening Experience: John 4:35. Look at "empty pews," "in our homes," "on the street where we live," "in office, school, or plant."

II. OUR GOD IS GOD OF "VITALITY!" (Power to live, endure, survive.)
B. God through His Spirit Quickens our dead spirits. Ephesians 2:1; I Corinthians 15:45.
D. God gives Spiritual Strength for the occasion.
   2. II Timothy 4:17.

III. OUR GOD IS A GOD OF "VALIENCY!" (Bravery, Courage).
A. God’s Admonition to Joshua: Joshua 1:6,7.
C. The first Church Prayed Thus For Peter and John. Acts 4:29,30.

IV. OUR GOD IS GOD OF "VIGILANCE!" (Wakefulness and Watchfulness).
B. Proverbs 15:3; Hebrews 4:13.
C. Psalm 121:4 - "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."
D. Psalm 121:3.
E. I Peter 3:12.
F. God would have His Children to be AWAKE, ALERT, and WATCHING! Romans. 13:11 - "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."
G. I Corinthians 16:13 - "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

V. OUR GOD IS THE GOD IN THE "VALLEYS!"
1. Valleys of Danger, Darkness, Depression, Discontentment, Denial, Discouragement, etc.
2. Great men of the Bible learned great lessons in "valley experiences."
   b. Elijah saw the Lord supply in the valley of discouragement! I Kings 19.
   c. John the Baptist received reassurance in the valley of prison.
   d. The two "sad" ones on the road to Emmaus learned He is always there, even when we are not aware of His presence. Luke 24:15-17.
   e. The Church in Laodicea learned He is still there when we think we don’t need Him! Revelation 3:14-22.

B. God can TURN VALLEY EXPERIENCE TO MOUNTAIN TOP JOYS! PSALM 23:5.

VI. OUR GOD IS GOD OF "VENGEANCE!"
A. Hebrews 10:30-31. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
B. He can "take care" of the situation!
   2. He took care of Pharaoh and his army!
   3. He took care of King Ahab and Jezebel!
   4. He took care of wicked Saul!
   5. He took care of Eli and his sons!
   6. He took care of Ananias and Sapphira!
   7. He took care of Herod! Acts 12:23 - "And immediately the Angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost."

VII. OUR GOD IS GOD OF "VICTORIES!"
A. II. Samuel 23:12 - David slew the Philistines "...And the Lord wrought a great victory."
B. David’s praise after successful offering for building the temple: I Chronicles 29:10,11.
D. Victory over sin and its effects! I Corinthians 15:57.
F. Victory in a Practice! Colossians 3:1-2; Isaiah 26:3.

CAMOUFLAGE OF LAST DAYS
by B. A. Morris


Introduction: Camouflage - to disguise; use color, shapes; to blend into. Jesus Christ spoke of wolves being in sheep’s clothing which is a good example of camouflage.

I. THE CAMOUFLAGE OF PEACE.
A. "These are Spots in your feasts of charity" - Jude 12a.
   1. Explain the meaning of the phrase.
      a. The Christians met for a fellowship meal together called the feast of charity.
      b. These apostates came along with Christians, who are called spots in your feast of charity.
   2. Explain the meaning of the words.
      a. Spots are the hidden reefs or rocks which are underneath the water and wreck the ships.
      b. Feast of charity - was a gathering of church expressing love, fellowship, unity, cooperation, and harmony.
      c. Feeding without fear was apostates acting in full capacity of a shepherd; leading, guiding, guarding, folding of flock, without being timid or with restraint.
B. Application:
1. These apostates go unnoticed until after the shipwreck.
2. Their presence leads to disunity, discouragement, deception, desolation, and discontent.
3. They are a hireling shepherd and by no means have the nature of a good shepherd. John 10:13.
4. They are not peacemakers, but a destroyer of peace.

II. THE CAMOUFLAGE OF PRODUCTIVITY - JUDE 12.
A. "Clouds they are without water, carried about of winds."
   1. Explain the meaning of the phrase.
      a. One looks into the sky and sees a big, black cloud coming near.
      b. But, when the cloud approaches and passes by, there isn’t a drop of water.
   2. Explain the meaning of the words.
      a. Clouds are distinct, waterless, moved by the wind.

B. Application:
1. These apostates are full of promises, but are unable to deliver what they promise. II Peter 2:19.
2. These apostates have good sounding programs and pleasing words, but they don’t help or benefit. Hebrews 13:9.
3. These apostates turn their mind and thoughts to (give heed) evil spirits, who motivates them.

III. THE CAMOUFLAGE OF PROOF - JUDE 12b.
A. "Trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots."
   1. Explain meaning of phrases and words.
      a. Jude describes a tree in late autumn, there is no fruit, or leaves, only bare limbs.
      b. These apostate’s trees are without sap, incapable of fruit. (Without fruit).
      c. These trees are fruitless, lifeless looking. (Twice dead).
      d. These trees are torn up by the roots, ready for burying.

B. Application:
1. There is no fruit because of no connection to the vine. John 15:4.
2. The fruitless tree is prepared for burning (plucked) because God didn’t do the planting. Matthew 15:13; John 15:6.

IV. THE CAMOUFLAGE OF PURITY - JUDE 13a.
A. "Raging waves of sea, foaming out their own shame."
   1. Explain the meaning of the phrase.
      a. Jude sees apostates as forceful waves, rolling toward shore, bring debris, trash, undesirable things off the ocean floor.
      b. trash, etc. is a sign of results of a storm or hurricane.
   2. Explain the meaning of the words.
      a. Raging - is forceful and furious waves of the sea.
      b. Foam - froth, as white foam, on top of waves as they come ashore.
      c. Shame - sense and feeling of shame, from a dishonoring deed.

B. Application:
1. Apostasy and false teaching go hand in hand with immorality, sex sins.
   a. Bible examples - Sodom in Jude 7 and "filthy dreamers" in Jude 8.
   b. Modern examples - Jim Jones, Jim Baker, Armstrong Father and Son team.
2. Apostasy is weak; God’s Word is strong.

V. THE CAMOUFLAGE OF PURPOSE.
A. "Wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever." - JUDE 13b.
1. Explain meaning of phrase.
   a. These are shooting/falling stars, making attractive sights, but soon fade into darkness, never seen again.
2. Explain meaning of words.
   a. Wandering star - isn’t fixed, but moves in its own direction.

B. Application:
1. You have no real direction because you believe not the Word of God.
2. No fixed course, won’t tie self to statement of faith.

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EXPOSITION OF GALATIANS

Text: Galatians 1:10-14.

Introduction:

A. THE REVIEW.
1. The PROBLEM among the Galatian churches - disturbed over a vital issue - the Gospel.
2. The PROPOSAL - The two groups into which all humanity in relationship to God can be classified.
   a. Those who believe that their acceptance and approval by God is based upon their own merits - what they can do (works theory).
b. Those who believe that our acceptance and approval by God is based on the merits of what Jesus Christ has done for us. (Grace truth).

B. THE REVELATION.
   1. Paul was connected and promoted the grace truth.
   2. The Judaizers were connected to and promoted the works theory.

I. THE COMPREHENSION (which is paramount)
   Galatians 1:10 - "For do I now persuade men or God? or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."
   A. The EVALUATION which He calls for! verse 10a.
   B. The ENLIGHTENMENT which he reveals! verse 10b.
      1. If we seek to just please men, we should not be or claim to be a servant of Christ.
      2. If we seek to please men, we will not be a servant of Christ.
      3. Our priority in life should be to do exactly what our Lord Jesus Christ says. The final analysis of this behavior will be that we'll not only PLEASE Him, but we'll also do what is spiritually PROFITABLE to others.
      4. This vital truth needs to be comprehended.

II. THE CERTIFICATION (of his preaching) Galatians 1:11-12 - "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."
   A. The BOLD DECLARATION.
      1. He did not receive it from men.
      2. He received it from the Lord.
   B. The BIBLICAL VERIFICATION of this claim. Acts 9:15-16 - "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

   A. The PERCEPTION - Conversation in verse 13 refers to his manner of behavior. Galatians 2:13a - "For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion,"
   B. The PERSECUTION that he inflicted upon the church. Galatian 1:13b - "How that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it."
      1. He was sincere in his pursuit of this activity.
      2. The terms "BEYOND MEASURE" deals with the severity of this persecution.

C. The PROFIT that he once enjoyed. Galatians 1:14 - "And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers."
   1. Profited financially.
   2. Profited in prominence and prestige.
   3. He was a Pharisee. Philippians 3:5.

IV. THE CONVERSION. Galatians 1:15-16a.
   A. The REALITY of his experience of GRACE.
      Galatians 1:15 - "But when it please God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace."
      1. God had a plan for the life of Paul when he was born. (Does he have a plan for us?)
      2. God pursued His plan and finally Paul yielded to the Lord.
      3. Acts 9 - Review the account of his conversion.
   B. The REVEALING that he received. Galatians 1:16a - "To reveal his son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen;"

V. THE CONFERENCE WITH THE LORD. Galatians 1:16b-18. "Immediately I conferred not with the flesh and blood: Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me: but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.
   A. The CONFERENCE was not with men.
   B. The CONFERENCE was with the Lord.

   A. His PARTICIPATION in what God called him to do.
   B. His PREACHING caused others to rejoice and glorify God. Galatians 1:19-24, "But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ: But they had heard only, that he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. And they glorified God in me."

THE PERFECT MATE
by Kenneth Clink

Text: The Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Introduction: These verses suggest new love. What some have called "blind love." Almost everyone has experienced this romantic, honeymoon infatuation. It's great!
After a while, however, things change a bit. The “voice of the beloved” isn’t always heard saying, “Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.”

This is when it’s time to get down to the business of living together. Sharing each other. Working together. Leaning on each other. Growing old together.

Finding someone to marry is easy; finding a mate ... that’s something infinitely more difficult.

I. THE PERFECT MATE HAS ADOPTED THE SCRIPTURAL OBJECTIVE IN LIFE.

A. Jesus said, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...” Matthew 6:33.
   1. Objective one: God as King of heart and life.
   2. Objective two: God’s righteousness practiced.

B. Jesus did not say seek money, fame, or a good time.

C. One’s vocation must never be one’s life objective.

II. THE PERFECT MATE IS WILLING TO PAY ANY PRICE TO LIVE IN GOD’S WILL.

A. Living in God’s will is not easy.
   1. Service is required.

B. An unwilling mate makes the task almost impossible.
   1. It can be done alone.
   2. It can be done easier together.

III. THE PERFECT MATE LOVES THE WORD OF GOD.

A. Jeremiah said, “Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by Thy name, O Lord God of hosts” - Jeremiah 15:16.

B. Those who love the Word of God enjoy several advantages:
   1. It provides a common motivation.
   2. It pronounces the responsibilities of the husband and of the wife.
   3. It preconditions every situation, being the final authority.

IV. THE PERFECT MATE HAS A SERVANT HEART.

A. Servanthood is to be the mark of every Christian - Matthew 20:25-28.

B. The servant heart is willing to supply needs.

C. The servant heart doesn’t insist everything be done its way.

V. THE PERFECT MATE IS INTERDEPENDENT NOT INDEPENDENT.

A. Interdependent means dependence on each other; mutual dependence.

B. An independent, “do your own thing,” marriage is counter productive.

C. The Biblical concept of marriage is two becoming one! Matthew 19:3-6.

VI. THE PERFECT MATE KNOWS HOW TO LOVE.

A. To love for a lifetime take a lot of knowledge.

B. First Corinthians 13 explains that love is:
   1. Patient and Kind.
   2. Not jealous or boastful.
   3. Not arrogant or rude.
   4. Not irritable or resentful.
   5. Bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things.

TAKE A STAND by R. H. Ledford

Text: Ephesians 6:10,11.

Introduction:

A. Many reject the military side of life.

B. If you choose Jesus’ side, you can expect to be on the opposing side of Satan and his followers.

C. Those who refuse to fight will fall in the heat of the battle.

I. THE SOLDIER’S READINESS.

A. Every Christian is called to fight the good fight of faith.

B. The Christian life is not a playground; it’s a battleground.

C. Soldiers enter the battle fully prepared and protected.

II. THE SOLDIER’S POSTURE.

A. Our posture corresponds to our wardrobe.

B. The wardrobe is, the girdle of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of the Spirit.

C. Putting on armor is important, but our posture in battle is even more important. "STAND THEREFORE."

D. The purpose of the armor is to help us stand so we don’t lose the ground that Jesus has already won for us.

E. We should not expect to sit and walk with Christ unless we are also willing to stand for him in the battle against Satan.

III. THE SOLDIER’S PURPOSE.

A. Our purpose is not to gain new territory.

B. We’re to conquer, but we don’t fight FOR victory, but FROM victory.

C. As Christians, we have already entered into our spiritual inheritance in Christ.

IV. THE SOLDIER’S STRENGTH AND COURAGE.

A. We need even more strength and courage in times of peace.

B. It’s then that we let down our defenses; and it’s then that Satan’s attacks are the hardest.

C. Israel didn’t know the Lord as they should, and could not stand against their enemies, and they lost their inheritance. (Judges 2:10).

D. Our responsibility as parents is to teach our children the Word of God.
V. THE SOLDIER'S WEAKNESS.
   A. Bowing to idols.
   B. Win the Battle - "bow"...

III. GOD SAVES US FROM THE PRESENCE OF SIN - Galatians 1:4 - "Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father."
   A. This is the finality of Salvation on Earth.
      1. We're not free from Sin, but free from the Penalty and Power of Sin while on Earth. I Corinthians 5:10.
      2. We are admonished to not be found living shamefully when Christ comes back to take us out. I John 2:28.
   B. This Salvation is ETERNAL. I John 2:17.
      1. It is Salvation void of Condemnation. Romans 8:1.
      2. We cannot lose it because it's not ours to lose. Psalms 51:12.

THREE FACTS ABOUT SALVATION
by Kenneth McNinnis

Text: II Corinthians 6:1,2.

Introduction: God has planned that ALL be SAVED! II Peter 3:9 - "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
   A. He states that NOW is the time, and TODAY is the day - verse 2.
   B. There are THREE great facts which needs to be stated about SALVATION.

I. GOD SAVES US FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN - Romans 6:23 - "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
   A. All under this penalty. Romans 3:23
      1. There are no exceptions.
      2. We are sinners by nature. Psalms 51:5.
   B. We are saved immediately. Romans 10:13.
      1. There’s no waiting period.
      2. There’s no ceremonial rites to go through.

II. GOD SAVES US FROM THE POWER OF SIN - Romans 6:14 - "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."
   A. We have power to resist Satan. James 4:7.
      1. We must be submissive to God.
      2. We must draw nigh to God. James 4:8. Many things draw us away.
   B. We can overcome sin’s power daily. Romans 6:18.
      2. Because God’s Spirit will lead us. Romans 6:18.
   C. We become spiritually alive. Romans 6:11.
      1. We become dead to sin, and alive in Christ. Romans 6:9-9.
      2. We are not to allow sin to reign in our bodies. Romans 6:12.

SUBDUING MOAB
by Lamar Demby


Introduction:
   A. The setting...
   B. Who were the Moabites? Genesis 19:35-37.
   D. "Moab is my washpot" Psalm 60:8. Illustration - dirty wash water in a pot.

I. THEY RALLIED TO THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET - verse 27a. (The trumpet represents the preaching of God’s Word.)
   A. We need men who will preach it. II Timothy 4:2.
   B. We need to hear it.
   C. Why Church is so important.
   D. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy Word is truth." John 17:17.

II. THEY RESIGNED THEMSELVES TO FOLLOW EHUD - verse 28a. (Ehud represents the Holy Spirit.)
   A. His name means "unity", where the Spirit of God is, there will be unity.
   C. "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Galatians 5:16.

III. THEY RESTED ON A SURE PROMISE OF VICTORY - verse 28b.
   A. No excuses for a child of God to live a life that is sinful and unclean.
   B. Romans 6:12-14.
   C. Are you resting on this promise, or are you being controlled by the Moabites?

IV. THEY RECLAIMED OLD TERRITORY - verse 28c.
A. Examine your life.
B. Are there areas in your spiritual life that need to be reclaimed for God’s glory?
C. What about separation, prayer, Bible study, witnessing, faithfulness to the church, etc.

V. THEY REINFORCED THE FORDS - verse 28d.
A. This is done by surrender, prayer, and the Word of God.
B. No one can do it but you.

BUT THIS MAN
by Julius Copeland

Text: Hebrews 10:12

Introduction:
A. The Bible refers to Christ by using many different titles.
   1. Son of Man.
   2. Son of God.
   3. King, Messiah, etc.
   4. In our text: "man".
B. However, we should never consider Him just as an ordinary man.
   1. While He is man, He is still God.
   2. Even during His earthly ministry, He was God.
   3. Obviously, we are not dealing with an ordinary man.
C. The Bible is a Book about "this man."
   1. "Truly this man was the Son of God" Mark 15:39.
   4. "If this man were not of God, he could do nothing" John 9:33.
   5. "Now consider how great this man was" Hebrews 7:4.
D. The writer of this book proves that this man is better than the old way of worship.
   1. This man’s sacrifice is contrasted with the old ways.
   2. What this man did: "offered one sacrifice for sins".
   3. Where this man is: "sat down at the right hand of God"
   4. Consider this man, what He has done for us, and what He is to us:

I. "BUT THIS MAN" IS OUR SACRIFICE.
A. The PURPOSE of Sacrifice.
      a. It is both logically and theologically impossible.
      b. "Take way" to lift up away from.
   2. The past sacrifices brought no pleasure to God. Hebrews 10:6,8.
      a. Animal sacrifices could never satisfy God’s righteous demands.
   b. God commanded the offering of blood by Israel, but He never accepted them as the basis of divine justification.

   1. This verse refers to the Incarnation.
   2. Jesus did not offer an animal, but Himself.
   3. Human blood for human sin.

C. The PRICE of Sacrifice.
   1. What He left: "heaven".
   2. Where He came: "earth".
   3. What He endured: "suffering".
   4. Salvation is free, but very expensive.

   1. Christ willed to come to do the will of God.
   2. During the earthly ministry of Christ, He had a mission: "to do the will of God".

II. "BUT THIS MAN" IS THE AUTHOR OF THE NEW SYSTEM. Hebrews 10:9b.
A. He Removed the Old Covenant.
   1. "He taketh away the first".
   2. The reason: The Old Covenant could never be satisfactory.
   3. It was not meant to be permanent, only temporary and symbolic.
   4. The first covenant was not perfect.
B. He Established the New Covenant.
   1. "That he may establish the second".
   2. The second covenant came in Jesus Christ.
   3. This is a covenant of grace, it is perfect.
   4. There are not a lot of different ways to be saved: just one.

III. "BUT THIS MAN" IS OUR SANCTIFIER. Hebrews 10:10,14.
A. He Sanctifies the Believer. Hebrews 10:10.
   1. The Meaning.
      a. This concept is stressed throughout the book.
      b. It means to "set-apart."
      c. Our sanctification is now.
      d. It is permanent.
   2. The Means.
      a. "Through the offering of the body of Jesus".
      b. We are sanctified by the non-repeatable offering of Jesus.
   1. Perfection is eternal salvation.
   2. The death of Jesus removes the penalty of sin forever for those who belong to Him.
   3. We need daily cleansing when we fall into sin, but we don’t have to fear the judgment of God because of our sin.
   4. Because of the sacrifice of Jesus we are sanctified and perfected.
   5. We will never have to make a blood sacrifice for our sins. Jesus did that, and it was (is) perfect.