

THE NEW AND BETTER COVENANT, PART 8:
THE SHADOW IN THE LAW
(Hebrews 10:1-4)

- I. Incapable of Permanently CLEANSING from SIN (Heb. 10:1-4)
 - A. What does he mean by “the LAW”? (10:1a)
 1. It is used in GENERAL for the ENTIRE OLD TESTAMENT
 2. It refers ESPECIALLY to the Law of MOSES
 - a. It includes God’s MORAL CODE for HUMAN BEHAVIOR
 - b. It includes God’s CEREMONIAL INSTRUCTIONS for ISRAEL’S WORSHIP
 - B. In what way is the LAW a “SHADOW of the GOOD things to COME”? (10:1b-c)
 1. It applies only to the SACRIFICIAL system
 - a. They were REQUIRED EVERY YEAR
 - b. They were always the SAME SACRIFICES
 2. It was merely a FORESHADOWING of a BETTER SACRIFICE
 - a. It depicted the BARRIER caused by SIN
 - b. It depicted the NEED for sin’s REMOVAL
 - c. It depicted God’s provision of FORGIVENESS on the basis of an APPROPRIATE SACRIFICE

3. It anticipated something they could NEVER fully DEPICT (10:1c)
 - a. They could not MAKE them PERFECT before God
 - b. They could not GIVE them ACCESS to God
 - C. If they had been more than SHADOW, they would have CEASED (10:2)
 1. The WORSHIPERS would have been CLEANSED
 2. They would have KNOWN they were FORGIVEN
 - D. The OT sacrifices were an ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE of SINS (10:3)
- II. Incapable of Providing ACCESS to GOD (Heb. 10:1*d*)
- A. TRUE worshipers always DESIRE to “draw near [to God]”
 - B. Only through ACCESS provided by CHRIST can ANYONE “draw near [to God]”