

When Prophets Speak of Christmas Hebrews 10:1-13 (12-7-08)

- **Fuller** _____

There were times when a passage of Old Testament scripture has more significance than the human author was aware of.

- **Double** _____

A passage of scripture such as a Psalm will refer to the human author's personal experiences and to the Messiah.

- **Dual** _____

Prophecy often has a near and a far view within the same passage. In Hebrews 10:5-7 the author quotes from Psalm 40:6-8.

1. The Subject Is Sacrifice (1-4)

The One Sacrifice of Jesus Is Greater Than All Previous Sacrifices

The book of Hebrews is about the preeminence of Jesus Christ.

- **Those sacrifices could not bring** _____

They had to be continually repeated which revealed that they were insufficient. The worshiper still had a sense of the guilt and penalty of his sin.

- **Those sacrifices could not bring** _____

Moral defilement can never be taken away by material means. The Old Testament sacrificial system was ordained by God to picture the coming sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Those Sacrifices Brought Reminder not _____ of Sins

2. The Context Is the Incarnation (5-12)

The Preexistent Jesus

The fuller sense of Psalm 40 reveals that it is about Jesus.

This verse answers the question "What was on the heart of Jesus Christ at the moment of Incarnation?"

- **Jesus came into the world to satisfy the _____ of God**

The entire sacrificial system was based upon the promise that a redeemer would come who would make atonement for the sins of the people.

He Had To Be Man In Order To Die, He Had To Be God for His Death to Have _____

- **Jesus came into the world in fulfillment of the _____**

This could not have applied to David in Psalm 40 but only to the Messiah. The path of Christ's life was set down in the Holy Scriptures. His birth was in fulfillment of scripture which includes the purpose for which He came. Mark 14:48-49, Luke 24:44-45

Christmas Is Not Just a Celebration of His Birth but a Full Recognition of His Person and His _____

No wonder David praised God in the verses immediately before these that the writer of Hebrews has quoted.

Psalm 40:4-5, "Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust, and does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; and Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered."

• **Jesus came into the world to accomplish** _____

Psalm 40:6, "My ears you have opened". Literally it means "You have dug ears for Me". The idea is that ears that are open are ready to hear and obey. This is an illustration of the complete obedience of the coming Messiah.

John 4:34, "Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work'."

John 6:38, "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

The will of the Father is that the Son should give His life for the sins of the world. Only Jesus could make a perfect sacrifice of wholehearted obedience.

We are not saved simply because of His obedience.

He had to suffer and die in order to take away our sin.

1 John 4:10, "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Though Jesus was sent by the Father He came willingly.

Titus 2:13-14, "...our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

His One Offering Made Once Is Sufficient For Any Person at _____