

SERIES: Advent 2021
Week 4: "Born to Bleed"
Hebrews 10:1-10

I. The Old Covenant: We Needed a Better Sacrifice for Sin (10:1-4)

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- The repetition of sacrifices demonstrated the ongoing **grip** of sin. (2-3)
- A **permanent** sacrifice is needed to deal permanently with sin. (4)

II. The New Covenant: God Provided a Better Sacrifice in His Son (10:5-10)

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 - God takes no pleasure in empty rituals. (5-6)
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 - The OT sacrificial system is completed.
 - The better promises of the New Covenant have been established.
- **Sanctification**: Jesus was born to die in order to make his people **holy**. (10)
 - We now have **access** to God.
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