

WHO'S THE GREATEST?
(Letter to the Hebrews)

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CHRIST'S PERFECT SACRIFICE
(Hebrews 9:23-28)

DON'T "TRADE DOWN" (23-27)

- The Old Testament tabernacle was an inferior, man-made copy of the heavenly dwelling place of God, purified repeatedly by the blood of animals.
- Christ, as our High Priest, entered into heaven to appear before God on our behalf.
- In doing so, Christ made the perfect sacrifice for all our sins once – to the full satisfaction of God.

DON'T BECOME INDIFFERENT TO CHRIST (28)

- Those who have trusted in Christ for the forgiveness of their sins should not “give up” on Him in the face of resistance, but eagerly persevere in expectation of His second appearing.

Application

God has given us the very best that He has to offer through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:3). Do you believe this, or have you “traded down” for something inferior?

Have you rejected Christ, thinking you can earn your way into heaven? Perhaps you don’t believe there is a God who has prepared a heavenly place for us, and you’ve opted to only live for what this world has to offer? If so, you have traded down – big time. God has much better things to offer us than we can achieve on our own – but these things only come through faith in His Son.

Perhaps you’ve trusted in Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, but have become weary of “facing giants”? Such weariness may cause our hearts to become cold toward Christ and result in us turning back to lead our lives in our own strength. Encountering resistance is a normal part of the Christian life – we are called to eagerly persevere in our faith in Christ, and not turn back to our old ways.

*“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for those who love Him”
(1 Corinthians 2:9)*