

## **GOD'S WORD REFUTES THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS AND THE NEED FOR PRIESTS**

The function of a priest is to offer sacrifice. So accordingly, the reason why the Catholic Church calls its ministers priests is that they are thought to have the power to offer Jesus' sacrifice by saying Mass. They make it present again to offer it to God. So God goes to the trouble of a useless miracle just so that the Catholic Church can call its ministers priests. The Sacrifice doesn't need to be made present to be offered. If this doctrine of the Mass being sacrifice is untrue then priests are not priests at all.

Rome says, "In Malachi 1:10-11, God says that among the Gentiles one perfect sacrifice will be offered all the time. This predicts the Mass."

The truth is that the context is about animal sacrifices. The Jews as a whole offered one sacrifice to God.

Hebrews 10:11 says that the sacrifices of the old priesthood could not remove sins simply because they were repeated all the time. The sacrifices would have been stopped by God had there been enough of them (Hebrews 10:2). The Church says these sacrifices represented the sacrifice of Christ and through that sacrifice forgiveness was granted for making these sacrifices but in themselves the offerings could not pardon sin. So it was the future sacrifice of Christ that the power of forgiveness came from not the sacrifices. The sacrifice of Calvary was present at these rites and they were appropriating it. It follows then that these sacrifices were Masses if it is true that the sacrifice of Jesus being present for offering at Mass just means it is in the timeless estate. In that light the repetition should not be a problem. Hebrews says it is therefore Hebrews opposes the Masses of the Roman Catholics. If Masses looking forward had no merit because of repetition then ones looking back are no better.

Hebrews 10 says that Christ offered one sacrifice for sins and then SAT DOWN at the right hand of God. The sitting down is an expression to clarify that Christ was doing no more offering. Notice how it says that he offered one sacrifice and doesn't say he sacrificed the once instead. It is not the sacrifice that it is saying is finished but the offering of the sacrifice is a different thing. Therefore Christ though a priest in office doesn't offer any more. The priests of Rome offering the sacrifice are claiming to be better than him. They are offering a sacrifice that is illegitimate because Christ doesn't offer it any more. The Mass is blasphemous.

Hebrews 13:10 says that Christians have an altar of sacrifice from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. This is symbolism for the book uses the symbols of tabernacles and other Old Testament items to illustrate Christian themes.

Catholics allege that the words Jesus said at the Last Supper imply that his sacrifice was present then and that to celebrate the ritual is to offer it to God. Neither are true. The words are symbolic. The words imply that he offered himself to God for others and he asks for the rite to be celebrated in his memory but does not say, "Say these words in memory of me".

Hebrews 4:16 and Hebrews 10:17 taken together say that Christians can now march boldly to the throne of God which is in the holiest place in heaven WHENEVER THEY WISH. The Catholic would have to say this only happens at Mass for the Mass is supposedly the closest you get to God and the holiest place on earth. The whole point of the salvation won by Christ is that so you can go to him whenever you need to or wish instead of having to look for a human priest.

The New Testament never says that there are sacrificing priests in the Christian Church. The word translated priest in fraudulent Catholic Bibles is presbyter which simply means elder.