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⁶Sacrifice and offering You did not desire – but my ears You have opened; – burnt offerings and sin offerings You did not require. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Here I am, I have come – it is written about me in the scroll. ⁸ I desire to do Your will, my God; Your law is within my heart.’ ⁹ I proclaim Your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, Lord, as You know. ¹⁰ I do not hide Your righteousness in my heart; I speak of Your faithfulness and Your saving help. I do not conceal Your love and Your faithfulness from the great assembly.

Psalm 40

David having experienced such a deliverance knows that there is only one suitable response and that is to live His life for the Lord who rescued him. However, as we shall see his language points to an even greater sacrifice, a sacrifice which would completely remove the need for the Old Testament sacrificial system. We will see -

- **David’s points to a far greater sacrifice** (v6-8) – Saul, who was David’s predecessor as King, was rebuked for the insincerity of his offerings using similar words but David speaks in such a way (v6-7) that he questions the very system itself. He recognises that the only correct response to this God is to give his whole life to God rather than a few sacrifices and offerings. Those sacrifices and offerings were only ever temporary in nature and were to point to the need for an even greater sacrifice. How do we know that? In Hebrews 10 we see this Psalm quoted and the writer then explains the consequences ⁵ *Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; ⁶ with burnt offerings and sin offerings You were not pleased. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.’ ⁸ First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹ Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”* The writer recognises that Jesus claims these words for Himself saying that He is the one who will fulfil them so that you can be right with God without the need for the Old Testament sacrifices. We are made holy (set apart for God) by the sacrifice of Jesus. This is exciting and we must see that this shows Jesus was no emergency Plan B. God, from the very beginning, knew who He was going to set apart for Himself and so, many centuries before Jesus comes, He makes sure we, who are privileged to come after Jesus, would know this was the case.
- **David’s proclamation** (v9-10) – Notice David’s choice here, he goes big and he goes loud. This is his choice, he chooses to speak in the great assembly to as many people as possible (we will see tomorrow this was a bold choice) and although he *could* keep quiet he does not, rather he speaks from his very heart. David is such an example to us, we too must be willing to be bold in speaking of all the Lord has done for us.

Question:

Does it encourage you that God did not need an emergency plan B in order to rescue us?

Prayer

Lord, thank You that Your plans are sure, please help us to speak of who You are. Amen.