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Hebrews 9:1-10

Blood sacrifices for sins the high priest and his people committed in ignorance, were required for admission to the holy of holies.

John Wesley notes: "I believe there is no such perfection in this life as excludes these involuntary transgressions which I apprehend to be naturally consequent on the ignorance and mistakes inseparable from mortality"* Just as Job offered sacrifices for his children just in case they had sinned (Job 1:5) so the high priest offered blood sacrifices for himself and his people. Wesley continues "Therefore sinless perfection is a phrase I never use, lest I should seem to contradict myself."*

Sin is a willful transgression of a known law, but in ignorance we may also trespass against the law of God. Thankfully, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

* W. Stephen Gunter, *The Quotable Mr. Wesley*, Atlanta: Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 2003, 55, 56.

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