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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Hebrews 10:1-18

In Hebrews 10, we can see two contrasting forms of religious belief: the religion of effort and the religion of grace. A symbol for the religion of effort could be the scorecard. It carefully records "fouls" or sins, and strives to balance the score with acts of sacrifice and devotion. This type of faith is necessarily self-obsessed. The "god" of this religion is an exacting judge, calling trembling subjects to account for the slightest infraction. This god shows little interest in the people and their hopeless struggle.

The religion of grace is founded on love. This grace, undeserved and unearned, is powerfully transformational, making those who receive it "holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Hebrews 10:10). This grace is not a license to sin or a "Get out of hell free" card; it brings the believer into a relationship with God through Christ, filling their lives with God's love, joy, and peace, and empowering them by the Holy Spirit to say "No" to sin and "Yes" to God's will.

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