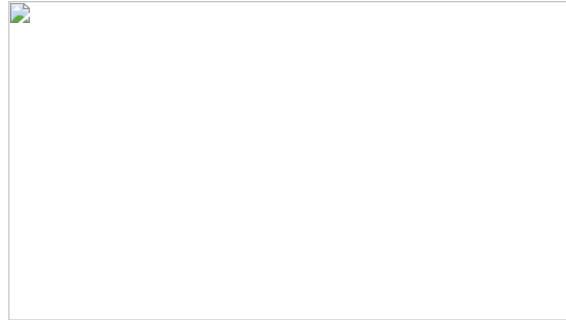




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A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED ME - HEB 10:5-7; Psalm 40:6-7



Hebrews 10:5-7 states that Jesus said, "A body you have prepared me." Since Heb. 10:5-7 is a direct quote from Psalm 40:6-7, we need to read the whole passage in context to discern its proper meaning.

"Therefore, when he comes into the world, he said, sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me. In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, behold I have come (in the scroll of the book it is written of me) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD." Hebrews 10:5-7

An alleged pre-incarnate God the Son Person could not have said, "behold I have come (in the scroll of the book it is written of me) to do YOUR WILL, O GOD." For a pre-incarnate God the Son Person would have already been fully God in the first place.

Heb. 10:5-7 is a direct quote from Psalm 40:6-7 which accurately predicted the things that Jesus would say before he actually said them on the earth as a man. Hence, Psalm 40:6-7 predicted the words that Jesus would speak on the earth when he said, "sacrifice and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared me. In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you have taken no pleasure ... behold I have come (in the scroll of the book it is written of me) to do Your will, O God." Jesus spoke these words on the earth just as Psalm 22:1 predicted that Jesus would say, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me" while on the cross (*Psalm 22:1 / Matthew 27:46*.)

Psalm 22:10 goes on to state that Jesus would have a God by saying, "You have been my God from my mother's womb." Therefore the OT prophecies prove that the man Christ Jesus would say these things on the earth as a man rather than an alleged pre-incarnate God the Son Person saying them in heaven.

When Christ Came Into The World

Jesus prayed, saying, "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me" after he had already "came into the world."

Hebrews 10:5 New International Version

Therefore, **when Christ came into the world, he said:** "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;"

Hebrews 10:5 New Living Translation

That is why, **when Christ came into the world, he said to God,** "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer."

Hebrews 10:5 English Standard Version

Consequently, **when Christ came into the world, he said,** "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;

Hebrews 10:5 Berean Study Bible

Therefore, **when Christ came into the world, He said:** "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You prepared for me.

The NAS Exhaustive Concordance says that the Greek verb "eiserchomai" (ice-er'-khom-ah-ee) means "to go in (to), enter" into. In other words, after Christ had already "gone into the world" or "entered into the world," he prayed saying, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You prepared for me."

The NAS gives a wide range of possible translations of the word "eiserchomai:"

"**came** (10), **come** (15), **comes** (3), **coming** (1), **enter** (66), **entered** (63), **entering** (6), **enters** (7), **go** (8), **go*** (1), **gone** (1), **reached** (1), **started** (1), **went** (8)."

Here we can see that Hebrews 10:5 can just as easily have been translated with the following words:

"when Christ **entered** into the world..."
 "when Christ (had) **gone** into the world..."
 "when Christ (had) **reached** the world..."
 "when Christ (had) **started** in the world..."
 "when Christ (had) **went** into the world..."

There is no scriptural justification to insist that Christ prayed, saying, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You prepared for me" before he entered into the world. For if Jesus could have prayed to his God before his virgin conception and birth, then Hebrews 10:5-7 would support an Arian

theology rather than a Trinitarian theological position.

Some may argue that Jesus never cited Psalm 40:6-7. However, just as we do not have a New Testament Scripture stating that Jesus ever prayed saying, "You have been my God from my mother's womb" from Psalm 22:10, so we do not have to have a specific verse where Jesus prayed saying, "Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me. In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you have taken no pleasure ... behold I have come (in the scroll of the book it is written of me) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD."

John 21:25 proves that there were many other things that Jesus said and did that were not written. Therefore the four gospel narratives did not address every single word that Jesus spoke. That is why Acts 20:35 states that Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" - but these words were never recorded in the four gospels.

In conclusion, Hebrews 10:7 clearly states that Jesus prayed on the earth as a man who had a God, saying, "... I have come (in the scroll of the book it is written of me) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD." This proves that Jesus could not have spoken these words as an alleged pre-incarnate God the Son in heaven. Therefore Hebrews 10:5-7 is a quote from Psalm 45:6-7 which is a Messianic prophecy that came to pass when the man Christ Jesus was actually in the world.

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