

Hello! This is Dorothy -

Our beloved Lord Jesus left Heaven's glory and declared in **Hebrews chapter 10** —

5 **Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared for me:**

7 **. . . Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God.**

That is what it is all about! Jesus came to do what had been determined out there in the eons of time in the Godhead — to do the will of God. But where and when and why? It was in the body, no less than in His soul and Spirit, that our Lord did the will of God. Some of us seem to forget this. We seem to feel that our bodies are our own. We go through life and we detach what is happening spiritually with what is happening with our body. We don't see how it is all wrapped up together.

It goes on to say in **Hebrews 10** -

9 **. . . Lo, I come to do thy will . . .**

10 **By the which will we are sanctified - that means we have been set apart - through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

What God wills, He alone can perform. In other words, Jesus came

in a body prepared for Him at Bethlehem. But when Jesus brought that same body and offered that body on the Cross at Calvary, He did this to complete the will of God in His body. With this same body, He set us apart, that our body should belong to God. It is not a question of just what we do and what we think we won't do; it is understanding that God operates through us. We are so individual, but He operates through our body.

Yes, I received Him into my life by faith. O glorious day when I knew I was cleansed and forgiven! The Word of God becomes alive by the Holy Spirit who makes Christ real in my heart. Yes, Jesus came to live in my life **by which will -that is His will-** I was . . . **sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

Do you understand that it is important to know that you are not owning your body? You cannot sectionalize your being and think, "I am going to psychologically work this problem out, because, after all, this little part of my mind is mine." Or you are not going to run with your heart fluttering in another area, if something is not in the will of God. This body was set apart in an amazing way — not just by what we see in the mirror, but who we are in this body. Set apart - purchased - by the Lord. How important to see that the Lord's first desire was to do the will of the Father.

5 . . . a body thou hast prepared for me . . .

7 . . . Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.

It was in the body He did God's will. No less than in His soul and

spirit that our Lord did the will of God.

10 ***By the which will we are sanctified . . .*** Do you realize we have been set aside that God should do that through us?

There is an amazing verse in **2 Corinthians 4:7** — **But we have this treasure. . . - *this is the Lord God Himself - . . . in earthen vessels - by the work of His Spirit, He was born into our body . . . that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.***

Somehow we seem to pull on God to do something that it is His demonstration of power and enabling, when nothing could ever be accomplished by us. Then somehow or other, we jump in and take all the glory for it! It is not . . . ***that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.***

That is why the whole issue in presenting our body is very clearly shown in **Romans 12:1** — . . . **that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God . . .**

But we first get to **Romans 6, 7 and 8** before we get to **Romans 12**. It is no good presenting a body that is so full of self that all we do as God does any work through us, is immediately we take the glory, and the power and the position and we somehow carve out what is happening. No! What we are saying when we present our bodies is like presenting our bodies as a sacrifice on the altar. There is death involved. Therefore, we need to understand there is no good presenting who we are until, first and foremost, we see that in Christ we died. It is not my life; it is not what I want to do; it is not

the purposes of getting glory and power and attention to myself. It is that it might be of the Spirit, Christ's purpose, worked out through me.

Are you ready for that? Are you ready to say, *This body, Lord, is no longer mine. It is Thy body. Therefore, I realize it is not something that I work out to do in a rather dramatic way by making a spiritual position of saying, "Today I was dedicated to You." But it is literally coming to You and saying, "I am bringing my body. It has been sanctified by Your will. It has been set apart for Your purpose, and in so doing, that treasure which is in me might be of You, I am determining that today it is not I; it is Christ. I reckon myself dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God that, by the power of the Spirit of God, this whole purpose of what was planned before eternity of God's will for my life, might be outworked."*

Hallelujah! He gets all the glory! Amen!