

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded  
by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight,  
and sin which clings so closely,  
and let us run with endurance  
the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus,  
the author and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him  
endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the throne of God.

Matthew 9:11-13

“And when the Pharisees saw this,  
they said to his disciples,  
“Why does your teacher eat  
with tax collectors and sinners?”

But when he heard it, he said,  
“Those who are well have no need of a physician,  
but those who are sick.

Go and learn what this means,  
‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’  
For I came not to call the righteous,  
but sinners.”

Hosea 6:6

For I desire steadfast love  
and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God  
rather than burnt offerings.

Micah 6:6

With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Hebrews 10:10, 14

And by that will we have been sanctified  
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ  
once for all...

For by a single offering  
he has perfected for all time  
those who are being sanctified.