

Hebrews, Part 7

Chapter one: Jesus is BETTER than angels

Chapter two: Jesus was made “a little LOWER than the angels”

Chapter three: Jesus is BETTER than Moses (law)

Chapter four: Don't go back and miss out on the REST Jesus gives

Chapter five: Jesus is BETTER than Aaron (priesthood)

Chapter six: Don't go back and miss out on the PROMISE Jesus gives

Chapter seven: Jesus' priesthood is ETERNAL (order of Melchizedek)

Chapter eight: The old covenant has been REPLACED with a new one!

The Old Covenant could DECLARE God's standard but could not PROVIDE the power needed for us to live up to God's standard!

The New Covenant can't be ADDED to the Old Covenant – it must REPLACE it. The New Covenant is wrapped up in JESUS – to have its blessings you must have HIM! The old has gone, the new has come!

Hebrews 9:1-5 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

The old covenant had ordinances and sacrifices that were ordained by God, but they were always inferior because they were observed in an EARTHLY sanctuary by HUMAN priests. And the Holy of Holies was OFF LIMITS to all but the High Priest, and just one time a year at that!

Hebrews 9:6-7 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

What was God trying to teach us by setting up all these boundaries?

1. The Tabernacle was INACCESSIBLE to the people

2. Its ministry was only EXTERNAL, not INTERNAL
3. The Tabernacle was a TEMPORARY solution
4. It was LIMITED to the nation of Israel only
5. The Tabernacle pointed to something far GREATER

Hebrews 9:8-10 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

THANK GOD THAT THE “TIME OF REFORMATION” HAS COME!

Hebrews 9:11-14 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

WE NO LONGER NEED THE PATTERN – WE HAVE THE REALITY!

- A greater and more PERFECT tabernacle
- The blood of CHRIST instead of the blood of animals
- ETERNAL redemption instead of a temporary covering
- Purging of our CONSCIENCE, not just purifying of our flesh

Hebrews 9:15-17 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

Jesus DIED to put the provisions of His “Last Will and Testament” into effect, but He LIVES to function as Executor of His own estate!

Romans 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Hebrews 9:18-23 Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

The OT tabernacle was purified by the sprinkling of blood. That blood did not change the furniture and the building, but it changed GOD'S RELATIONSHIP to the furniture and the building. In the same way, blood must be involved in our NT relationship with God. The blood does not "change" our humanity – it REDEEMS our humanity. To say it another way, the blood changes the way God LOOKS at us! How can it do that? Because it is THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST – GOD'S BLOOD!

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION!

The blood of animals in the OT was the only thing that could COVER sin. The blood of Jesus in the NT is the only thing that can CURE sin.

Hebrews 9:24-26 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Calvary was so POWERFUL that it only had to happen ONCE!

Hebrews 9:27-28 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

**IF WE ARE BORN ONCE, WE WILL DIE TWICE (SECOND DEATH).
IF WE ARE BORN TWICE (NEW BIRTH), WE WILL ONLY DIE ONCE**

Jesus came the first time for ALL, but is coming the second time for US!

Hebrews 10:1-4 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

The whole point of the OT law was to CONSTANTLY remind us that it couldn't accomplish anything PERMANENT or PERFECT in us!

It is very important to realize that the church was NOT "Plan B" in the mind of God – Jesus and the New Covenant were prophesied in the Old Testament! That's why at this point the writer quotes Psalm 40:6-8 ...

Psalms 40:6-8 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Hebrews 10:5-10 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

EVERY SACRIFICE WAS SAYING "I'M COMING!" Jesus took away the first covenant, not to destroy it, but to fulfill it with a second covenant!

Matthew 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Hebrews 10:11-14 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

**OT Priests always STOOD because their work was NEVER finished.
Jesus SAT DOWN because on the cross He said "It is FINISHED!"**

“henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool” ...
OUR TOTAL VICTORY IN CHRIST IS JUST A MATTER OF TIME!

Hebrews 10:15-18 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

THE WORK THE HOLY GHOST DOES IN OUR HEART IS A WITNESS
THAT THE POWER OF THE NEW COVENANT IS WORKING!

Where sins and iniquities are remitted, we don't need an OT sacrifice!
This is the message Paul is giving to these Jewish Christians.

Hebrews 10:19-22 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

“BOLDNESS” = “freedom of speech”

**The temple veil was torn at the crucifixion to let the priests inside.
But Jesus' flesh was torn at the crucifixion to let US into His body!**

**The OT High Priest VISITED God's presence once a year
But WE are invited to DWELL in God's presence every day!**

Hebrews 10:23-25 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Let us HOLD FAST and NOT WAVER in our faith ...

Let us CONSIDER and PROVOKE (“INCITE”) one another ...

AND HOW DO WE DO THAT? THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY ...

ASSEMBLE (“COMPLETE COLLECTION”) YOURSELVES TOGETHER!

ATTENDING CHURCH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER BEFORE!