
Hebrews 9:1-22

Topic: This is one of the most neglected books of the bible. We don't know who the author is, but we do know it was written for the instruction of the temple before 70 A.D. It is to the Jews what the book of Romans is to the Gentiles. Hebrews tells of sacrifices and rituals and exalts the sovereignty of Christ. It tells of Christ's relation to Moses and Abraham and all their people. This is why the Book of Hebrews is so great. The message of Hebrews is this: go on to spiritual maturity. Don't sit back on your laurels; get up and do something for the Lord, spread the word, help someone who doesn't ask but you see the need. Chapters 7, 8, & 9 deal with the priesthood of Christ. He is our mediator to God.

Heb 9:1: service = worship. The first covenant that God gave to Moses consisted of divine worship and an earthly sanctuary. Directions were given in great detail

Vs2: tabernacle = tent, meeting place. This is describing how the first tabernacle was built. It tells where the candlestick goes, the table, the showbread...it gives detailed directions.

Vs3: a veil sections off part of the tabernacle in the back, and behind this second veil was the arc of the covenant made of gold.

Vs4: this verse tells specifically what is contained in the back area of the tabernacle.

Vs5: the tabernacle is a study of its own. In the Old Testament, there is no greater cross and artifacts than what is put in the back area of the tabernacle. The author says he's not going into the details of that now; he's got other things on his mind to tell us.

Vs6: Priests go into the front first part of the tabernacle every day and do their duties.

Vs7: Priests go into the second rear part of the tabernacle once a year and they must have some blood to sacrifice for the sins of himself and his people. A sin of errors is the sin you committed that you didn't know you committed. You missed the mark. It is a Day of Atonement to cover the unknown committed sins of Israel. Add this to your prayer list: forgive me for sins I committed against you unknowingly.

Vs8: the first covenant was in place until Christ came. Christ paid the bill in full for all our sins thus negating the need for the tabernacle and arc of the covenant and all those sacrifices and rituals of the Old Testament. The arc has been lost. It will not be found until God decides to reveal it.

Vs9: sprinkling blood on the mercy seat in the back part of the tabernacle once a year covered people's sins temporarily, not permanently. This Day of Atonement was a day of fear in the life of a Jew. They used the blood of goats and calves, not their own blood.

Vs10: A carnal ordinance is the actions the priest goes through: washing, blessing, sprinkling, etc. This all work. They go through this every year until Jesus comes, and then they don't have to do it anymore.

Vs11: compare the new with the old. The old is the law that puts you to death. The new is grace and mercy, gives you life through Jesus Christ. The new is Accept Jesus Christ into your heart as your savior, not do a bunch of rituals and sacrifices.

Vs12: Christ did not go into the tabernacle or sprinkle any blood in there. This is a sign to the Levi priest that the line between God and man had been opened up by Jesus Christ. By His own blood on the cross, Jesus Christ entered the holy place.

Vs13: a red heifer had to be perfect, washed, then killed and burned to ashes and sprinkled on you to purify the flesh and the temple. The Jews are looking for a perfect red heifer and trying to breed one today as we speak. They can't institute any worship services until they have the ashes of red heifer, even though the temple is built and the golden trumpets are made.

Vs14: How much of our eternal life is based on the shed blood of Jesus Christ? Everything - all of it. Jesus Christ offered himself without a spot to God, and the old laws are now moot. They do not apply anymore.

Vs15: Jesus Christ is the mediator of the new covenant, the New Testament. The Old Testament, the old covenant, did not give anyone life. It just put them to death. God wanted to show us we'd better look for something better, something to give us life, like Jesus Christ, not empty rituals and pointless sacrifices.

Vs16: this means that like a Will, it is completely useless until you die. It is only a piece of paper until you die. Then when you die, it becomes a piece of power that your relatives will invoke and institute. That's what it's saying here.

Vs17: the testament will be force after we die; we will go to heaven after we die, not while we're alive. This life and bible study is all important preparation for our eternal afterlife.

Vs18-22: When Moses dedicated the tabernacle, he sprinkled blood all over it. Then he went outside and sprinkled blood on all the people and said by this blood, you agree to obey.