
Hebrews 9:23-28, 10:1-25

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. Jesus Christ is our mediator to God. If you read only one book of the entire bible, this should be the one.

Hebrews 26-39 is the most dire warning for all Christians.
We'll go over it more next Sunday.

Heb 10-9-15: These verses are talking about Christ completing the law. There's a reason God repeats things over and over again, because people are sometimes resistant to His message. We'll go over it as many times as God went over it.

Vs9: Jesus Christ has come to complete the first testament and to start the second testament.

Vs10: we are sanctified through the body of Jesus Christ once.

Vs11: daily sacrifices can never take away sins. He's talking about the priests in the old temples. They only put off the wrath of God for a short time.

Vs12: there were no chairs in the old temples in the sacrifice area, because you had to keep sacrificing over and over again. The high priest had to keep sacrificing over and over again. Jesus Christ completed the requirement.

Vs13: this goes back to the Book of Psalms, Christ sitting on the right hand side of God, and God will make Christ's enemies His footstool.

Vs14: sanctified means you are set aside, you are a child of God.

Vs15: There are no ghosts, only spirit. So the Holy Ghost is a witness to us

Vs16-18 is talking in a prophetic tone about Israel and the Jews, Jeremiah 31 where Israel will be restored in the future. Right now the world is down on Israel, wanting to buy up their land and get rid of them. But we are living in a time when Israel has been restored as a country, very interesting. Nowadays, the Jews deny the New Testament. If you go there and preach the New Testament today, you will be put in jail. They are working on the gold breastplate of the high priest and getting ready to rebuild the old temple.

Vs18: The sacrifices all through the centuries that the Jews did had no effect on removing sin. It only put off God's wrath temporarily.

Vs19-23 talks about Jesus Christ bringing in the New Testament.

Vs19: in the old days, only the High Priest was allowed to enter the back area of the temple, the Holy of the Holies. By the death of Jesus Christ, God ripped the curtain apart. We are to enter the holiest of places by the blood of Jesus Christ in a bold manner, full of entitlement and confidence. You don't need a priest, you don't need anyone. You go in with yourself and Christ.

Vs20: when Jesus Christ died on the cross and His blood poured out, that broke the barrier between God and Man that had been set up for centuries.

Vs21: 1 John 1:9 gets you back into fellowship with the help of a priest.

Vs22: let God run the show, don't try to further our own agendas. God doesn't need our help.

Vs23: when we accepted Jesus Christ into our hearts as our savior, which is the profession of our faith that we need to hold fast. Remember it always.

Vs24: Let us: us the believers of Christ, members of the church; consider one another: pay attention to one another; provoke: make mad; unto love and to good works: encourage/provoke each other to love and to do good works. We are to goad and challenge each other to do good. Provoke people into love and into good works. That's what Christians are supposed to do. Be nice to your waitress, to telemarketers, to your angry neighbor.

Vs25: meet together in the open, not in secret. Exhort, encourage one another as you see the day approaching. There is power in the assembly of Christians. TV preaching just doesn't have the same impact. It does not serve the same purpose. It does not have the same power. Physical assembly in a church empowers Christians, feeds our souls, encourages us to love one another and provoke each other to do good.