

Hebrews Class 8

March 6, 2016

Hebrews 9

Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. 2 A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. 3 Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, 4 which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered Ark of the Covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. 5 Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.

6 When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. 7 But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. 8 The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning. 9 This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. 10 They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

Discussion:

1. **The first tabernacle**
2. **Only the high priest could pierce the veil (divider) and only after meeting the requirements of Lev. 16.**
3. **The high priest and the new high priest**
4. **The gold covered ark – mercy seat**
5. **There was enough detail in verses 1-5, i.e., There was a separation between man and God (curtain).**
6. **V. 8 – The Holy Spirit says that the way into the Most Holy Place is hidden. Why?**
7. **V.7 - The old sacrificial system could not "clear the conscience."**
8. **Hebrews 10:19 "Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water."**

9. 1 Peter 3:21 "...and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,"

10. It is the unclean conscience that separates us from God. It is filled with all the intentional sins.

11. "until the time of the new order." Reformation, rectify, correction, make straight

11 But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. 12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. 13 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a **heifer** sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. 14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Discussion:

- 1. The new and superior high priest has brought good things that are reality now.**
- 2. "good things that are already here"**
- 3. New tabernacle not made with human hands, and not on this planet**
- 4. The high priest always entered the with the sacrificed blood**
- 5. Jesus, the new high priest entered with his own sacrificed blood.**
- 6. The ashes of a heifer: Numbers 19:2 "This is a requirement of the law that the Lord has commanded: Tell the Israelites to bring you a red heifer without defect or blemish and that has never been under a yoke."**
- 7. No red heifer meeting the qualifications has been born since the temple was destroyed in 70 AD.**
- 8. Only the blood of Christ can "cleanse our consciences."**

15 For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

16 In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, 17 because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. 18 This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood. 19 When Moses had proclaimed every command of the law to all the

people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. 20 He said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep." [e] 21 In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. 22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Discussion:

1. **"mediator" = reconciler, arbitrator, intermediary, intervenes to make peace.**
2. **V.15 "ransom" = redemption, set free, remission**
3. **Verses 16 and 17, Literal Greek translation says:**
"Where for covenant death is to be carried of the covenant victim. A covenant for on the dead one is confirmed since it is never in force when the covenant victim is alive."
4. **Exodus does not mention water, scarlet wool and hyssop.**
5. **These were used in cleansing rituals, e.g., Leviticus 14:49.**
6. **The promise in the new covenant is eternal, never ending.**
 - a. **Eternal High Priest – Hebrews 5:10**
 - b. **Eternal salvation – Hebrews 5:9**
 - c. **Eternal Tabernacle – Hebrews 8:2**
 - d. **Eternal redemption – Hebrews 9:12**
 - e. **Eternal sacrifice – Hebrews 9:28**
 - f. **Eternal Spirit – Hebrews 9:14**
 - g. **Eternal inheritance – Hebrews 9:15**
 - h. **Eternal Covenant – Hebrews 13:20**
7. **The dual purpose of His sacrifice – sins committed under the old covenant and the necessary blood sacrifice to put the new covenant into effect.**
8. **V.20 - Compare to Luke 22:20, And he did the same with the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which on your behalf is being poured out."**
9. **Blood and water – "Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out." John 19:34**
10. **God does not change. No blood, no forgiveness.**

23 It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. 25 Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the

Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. 26 Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, 28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Discussion:

- 1. The tabernacle/sanctuary and everything in it were copies of the originals in heaven.**
- 2. Christ entered the real tabernacle with his own blood, not the earthly one made by human hands.**
- 3. He entered on our behalf as the high priest did in the earthly tabernacle.**
- 4. "culmination" = climax**
- 5. Christ entered only once with the perfect sacrifice resulting in its total acceptance by God. He canceled all debts that previous sacrifices had only put off and initiated a new covenant with a new oath and new promises. No further sacrifice is needed.**
- 6. We are destined to die once and face judgment. Jesus died, face judgment, was found 100% pleasing to God and resurrected. Because of his blood sacrifice for us, we will face judgment and raised on the last day (John 6:39-40).**
- 7. How did the people know that God accepted their annual sacrifice for sin?**
- 8. God accepted Christ's sacrifice and he came out alive (resurrected).**
- 9. The purpose of Christ's first appearance and His second coming.**