

Hebrews

Chapter 10, Part 2

I. Introduction

- a. In our previous lesson, the writer of Hebrews began to conclude this section on the new covenant
 - i. His last point in the previous section was that the first covenant has been set aside so that the new covenant could be installed
 1. Today's lesson completes the section on the new covenant

II. Commentary

a. **Verses 11-14**

- i. Notice immediately, "*every priest stands*" as he does his priestly duty
 1. There were no seats (other than the mercy seat) in the Tabernacle
 - a. Priests were not allowed to sit as their work was never completed
 - i. They never eternally brought men to God
- ii. As the priest stands to serve, he offered "*repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins*"
 1. The repetitive monotonous work of the priest was a clear indication that the sacrifices could not remove sins
 - a. At best, they temporarily covered sins
 - i. But their more perfect work was pointing to Jesus Who actually did remove sins from us
- iii. Jesus "*offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins*"
 1. His offering was neither repetitive or monotonous
 - a. His work was a one time work
 2. Unlike the Aaronic and Levitical priests, following His sacrifice Jesus "*sat down at the right hand of God*"
 - a. The Levitical priests work was never completed
 - i. They never removed sins
 - b. Jesus' work was completed the first time
 - i. He removed our sins from us
- iv. Jesus is now "*waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet*"
 1. This is a quotation from **Psalms 110:1**
 2. At the cross, Jesus "*disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him*" (**Colossians 2:15**)
 - a. He's just waiting for the time that "*at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*" (**Philippians 2:10-11**)
- v. Jesus "*perfected*" us by His "*single sacrifice*"
 1. That is, His sacrifice actually paid the penalty for our sins – a thing the sacrifices under the old covenant could never do

- a. This is why He could sit down at the right hand of God
 - 2. We, as the elect of God, are “*being sanctified*” by the work of the Holy Spirit daily
 - a. Though the one offering of Jesus has secured an eternal perfection of salvation for us, the daily work of sanctification by the Spirit (**1 Peter 1:2**) is bringing us to that eternal state which will be realized at the return of Jesus (**Philippians 1:6**)
- b. Verses 15-18**
- i. We are again reminded that the Holy Spirit is the Author of Scripture
 - 1. So, Paul also says, “*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work*” (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**)
 - ii. The writer of Hebrews returns to the proclamation of a new covenant by Jeremiah
 - 1. We have covered this quote extensively in previous lessons
 - 2. The work of Jesus actually accomplished these things
 - a. “Though the New Covenant was new, it was not a new revelation, but the fulfillment of an old one” (John MacArthur)
 - 3. The point here is that the Hebrews could not accept the teaching of Jeremiah and reject the New Covenant which he prophesied about
 - a. Again, you cannot be under two covenants
 - i. To accept Jeremiah is to believe Jesus to be the Messiah
 - ii. To reject Jeremiah is to reject Jesus
 - iii. The work of sacrifice is completed in Jesus
 - 1. There is no longer a need to look for sacrifice
 - a. The old sacrifices were never efficient anyway
 - b. The sacrifice of Jesus was so perfect that it doesn’t need repeating
 - 2. The Jews who were still sacrificing at the time this letter was written had rejected Jesus and were still looking for the Messiah