

Hebrews 9: 11-28

This concluding section covers the role of tabernacle and ministry and deals with place of sacrifices contrasted with Jesus' offering himself. It gathers together thoughts already given.

We are on holy ground!

Consider David's view of sacrifice ...

2 Samuel 24:23-24 All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you." But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

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 worshipper. v11

Things have changed...

Cry of conscience – God’s gift – alarm bell/safety system

Internal issues - nagging uncertainty after conviction of sin

Have I done enough?

Consider David’s view of sacrifice –

Psalm 51:7-10 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings--external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

They were for external application only.

2 areas - contamination and approach to worship

Appropriate/ required at the time

Until ...

until the time of reformation.(straightening out)

That time has now arrived!

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation.

NKJV 11, the good things to come

A different high priest

A different tabernacle

– not man-made, earthly vs. ... heavenly

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, having obtained eternal redemption.

Contrasts:

Animal sacrifices

Most Holy place (heaven) vs. earthly

Own blood obtained outside

(he had to die on earth) perfect human blood(death)

Effective for total redemption (bought back)

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.

purifying of the flesh,

Tabernacle rituals ... (today -no longer available or in force)

Ceremonially unclean = Unable to participate

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!**

Contrast and a strong declaration

Jesus' work:-

Messiah

Through the eternal Spirit

Offered himself

Unblemished

To God

The Results:-

clean conscience (we have peace with God)

Free from acts /works that only produce death

Ability to serve (not a slave word) worship

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--

The Mediator through the New Covenant brings 2 together

‘May receive’ (actuality) ‘promised’ (theoretical)

Eternal inheritance (unconditional, permanent)

Based on New Covenant promise

Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

-now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Covered the ransom demand (the wages of sin Romans 6:23)

Set free !

The IOU of the first covenant paid!

Salvation has always been through faith in the Messiah's work
(before he did it and since)

Cf.

Revelation *13:8* the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living.

An illustration of how a will operates.

It is the same Greek word for covenant/testament/will

The word is translated differently in this verse although it still carries the idea of agreement between 2 parties

It only comes into force on the death of the maker of the will.

This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood.

Similarly the Sinai Covenant required sacrifices for its inauguration ..as did the establishment of the tabernacle Cf. Exodus 40:29

When Moses had proclaimed every commandment 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. He said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep."

Quoting Exodus 24:8

In order to establish the first covenant blood sacrifice was necessary
So to establish the New Covenant a blood sacrifice (of a different kind and magnitude) was necessary.

In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies.

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In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, **and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

This is **why** the blood is essential

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.

The copies (tabernacle and ministries) were purified (ceremonially) with blood 'copies' (animal blood)

But entrance into the real (heavenly) dwelling place of God required the real blood of Jesus

For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now **to appear for us** in God`s presence.

This is a re-statement of previous teaching
Repetition can be important and necessary!

Jesus is in heaven interceding for us (a legal idea) as our advocate

1 John 2:1-2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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.

A repeated idea –

Contrast the finished work of atonement accomplished by Jesus with the endless work of the earthly high priests.

Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world.

If the Messiah were like the Levitical priests his death would have to be repeated.

Note this is a clear statement of creation and implication that people were present at the beginning too.

But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Appeared - came from heaven – incarnation central to redemption

Once for all (only needed once – permanently effective)

Now is the period – end of the ages

The old world (1)

The world since the flood(2)

The kingdom age (the end ...)

But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Do away with sin - annul/ cancel out. 'sin' is more than sins!

By means of sacrificial substitute

Himself (the value of the gift – Jn. 3:16)

Just as man is destined to die **once**, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed **once** to take away the sins of many people;

This life is it! – no second or multiple recycles
Live once and then (it's not the end!)
Judgement (good and bad?)

Only one sacrifice made once for sins.

Many people - believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved!

More to come!!!

and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

He's coming back!

Not as the sin bearer – shame and death gone!

But as victor/deliverer (salvation)

Looking for his coming, expecting in faith?

Revelation 5:1-10 Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."