

DEEP WORSHIP

THE FINAL WORD: KNOWING CHRIST THROUGH HEBREWS | HEBREWS 9:1-28 | JULY 5, 2020 | PASTOR FEMI IBITOYE

SERMON OUTLINE:

"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!" (Hebrews 9:14)

Earthly Tabernacle Worship (Hebrews 9:1-10)

The earthly tabernacle is a copy and shadow of the heavenly one (Hebrews 8:5a)
Seeing Jesus through the tabernacle and its contents:

- Great High Priest (Chief Worship Leader)
- Golden Candle Stick—Jesus is the Light of the World (John 1:5, John 8:12)
- Show bread—Jesus is the Bread of Life (John 6:35, 51)
- Altar of incense—Jesus is the center of all things
- Veil/Curtain—Jesus' body was broken for us (Hebrews 10:19-22)

The Blood of Jesus (Hebrews 9:11-15)

- Jesus, our great high priest leads worship, enters heaven once and obtains eternal redemption
- Jesus our atoning sacrifice mediates a new covenant with His blood
- Jesus obtains eternal inheritance for us
- Jesus died to ransom us, forgive our sins, cleanse the most guilty conscience from dead works and death, and make us fit to serve (worship God)

Jesus, the Creator of the New Testament (Hebrews 9:16-22)

- Jesus obtains blessing of salvation with this new covenant
- Jesus opens wide the ocean of grace and mercy to all (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Jesus, the Sacrificial Lamb of God (Hebrews 9:23-28)

Jesus sacrifice is infinitely better than those of the law. His Sacrifice:

- Destroyed the works of the devil
- Made us worshipers (a royal Priesthood, a holy nation, who can go boldly before throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16, 1 Peter 2:9)
- Obtained eternal salvation to all who believe (Hebrews 9:28)

1. God wants to have a relationship with you. He has made this possible through Jesus. Respond by accepting Him if you have not.
2. Worship God. Praise Jesus for who He is and what He has done
3. Remember the sacrifice of Christ by taking communion on a regular basis.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What have you learned so far about who Jesus is in the book of Hebrews?
2. As we continue our series "The Final Word: Knowing Christ through Hebrews," this week we turn to Hebrews 9:1-28 and explore Jesus, our great High Priest in comparison to the earthly tabernacle worship and the blood of Jesus versus the blood of sheep and goats. Begin your study by praying that God would speak to you through His Word. Then, whether you're alone or with a group, read that passage aloud. It may also be helpful to read Exodus 25.
3. Hebrews 9:1-10 gives a description of the earthly tabernacle and Jewish worship service. What items are used in the worship service? How do you see some of these items pointing to Christ? (Lampstand-John 8:12; Show bread-John 6:35; High Priest-Hebrews 7:24)
4. Hebrews 9:9 notes that the sacrifices is not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. Read the following passages that suggest that animal sacrifice and gifts were of little value without faith and without obedience to God: Psalm 51:16, 1 Samuel 15:22, Psalm 40:6, Isaiah 1:11.
5. According to Hebrews 9:12, what did the blood of Jesus obtain for us?
6. The blood of Jesus does more. What does the blood of Jesus do for us in Hebrews 9:14?
7. The blood of sheep, bulls and goat only makes the worshiper ceremonially clean (Hebrews 9:13), but, it cannot forgive or wash away our sins. See the following verses that state this: Hebrews 10:4, 11.
8. Jesus Christ is the mediator of the new covenant according to Hebrews 9:15. Read 1 Timothy 2:5 for further reading about this important truth. Jesus ransomed (redeemed, rescued, released, delivered, set free, paid debt, liberated) all men from Adam until the second coming. How can the death, and the shed blood of Jesus save people who lived before he came as a man as Hebrews 9:15 is suggesting? Hint: He is God, the Creator of time, and is able to operate in and out of time (Revelation 13:8, Revelation 5:9).
9. How is the sacrifice of Jesus better than the old sacrificial system? (Hebrews 9:23-26, 28)
10. What does the sacrifice of Jesus obtain for us who wait (believe) in Him? (Hebrews 9:28)
11. What is one thing God is speaking to you through this study of Hebrews 9:1-28? If you are on your own, write that down. If you are in a small group, discuss your answers with one another. Close in prayer. Choose one person in your life with whom you will share something you learned through this study.

DIG DEEPER: This week dig deeper into Hebrews 9:1-28. Here are some options for that:

- Memorize Hebrews 9:14 and/or Hebrews 9:28 this week.
- Praise and Thank Jesus for who He is (great high priest, Redeemer, Savior, Mediator, Atoning Sacrifice, Lamb of God etc., and what He has done (Died in our place, tore the veil giving us access to God, washed away our sins with his precious blood, and made us children of the most high, Royal Priesthood and a Holy nation.)
- Write or draw a prayer in response to the message of Hebrews 9 about Jesus.
- This week share with someone what Jesus means to you, either by talking with them in person, calling them, posting something on your social media platforms, or sending them an email or letter.