

Series "Jesus Is Better"
"God's Last Will & Testament"
Hebrews 9:15-28
Study-19

Hebrews 7-10 – A Superior Priesthood: Jesus Christ

Hebrews 7 – Christ's Better Priesthood

Hebrews 8 – Christ's Better Covenant

Hebrews 9 – Christ's Better Sanctuary

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus Is Both Will-Maker And Resurrected Executor, Who Administers And Oversees Our Eternal Inheritance."

1. Verses 15-22 – Ministry Of Jesus Is Costly

2. Verses 23-24 – Ministry Of Jesus Is Eternal

3. Verses 25-28 – Ministry Of Jesus Is Complete

1. Verses 15-22 – Ministry Of Jesus Is Costly:

Hebrews 9:15

Verses 15-17 – A Legal Illustration Of Inheritance Through Death: "For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant,"

1. The Old Sanctuary Was Inferior, Being Earthly.
2. The Old Sanctuary Was A Type Of Something Better.
3. The Old Sanctuary Had Restricted Access.
4. The Old Sanctuary Brought Partial Cleansing.

The Value Of Christ's Death: Hebrews 9:14

"mediator" – Literally "middle, in between"; means "one who is a reconciler, one who attempts to bring parties together."

His Death Was Necessary For Redemption: "redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant,"

Romans 3:24-25

"those who have been called" – OT & NT Saints. Hebrews 11:39-40

Jesus' Death Was Necessary For The Fulfillment Of The New Covenant: "may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance."

Hebrews 9:16

“covenant” – not only means “an agreement” but it also carries the idea of “testament”; a “last will and testament.”

Hebrews 9:17

Luke 22:20

“force” – “that which is sure and unchangeable; no addition can be added to a will after the death of the person who made it.”

Verses 18-22 – Biblical Illustration – Purification Of The Old System:
Hebrews 9:18 – “Blood” 6X in these verses.

Hebrews 9:19-21 – is taken from Exodus 24:3-8; The Affirming of the Old Covenant by Moses with the people of Israel.

Hebrews 9:19

1 Peter 1:2

Hebrews 9:20-21

Hebrews 9:22

“shedding of blood” – “the pouring out of blood.”

Matt. 26:28

“forgiveness” – or “remission” literally means “to send away from.” When God forgives a sinner, He sends away from that person the latter’s sins, including the thoughts, acts, penalties, and guilt.

Leviticus 17:11

2. Verses 23-24 – Ministry Of Jesus Is Eternal:

Hebrews 9:23

Sacrificial Work Of Jesus: “copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these,”

Colossians 1:20

Revelation 5:9-10

The New Covenant was established on the basis of a better sacrifice (Jesus Christ), applied in a better place (Heavens).

Hebrews 9:24

“appear” – is used 3X in Hebrews 9:24-28. These give us a summary of our Lord’s work:

1. Hebrews 9:24 – He is appearing now in heaven for us (Present)
2. Hebrews 9:26 – He has appeared to put away sin by dying on the cross (Past)
3. Hebrews 9:28 – He shall appear to take Christians home (Future)

Beware of trusting anything for your spiritual life that is “made with hands.” It will not last.

3. Verses 25-28 – Ministry Of Jesus Is Complete:

Hebrews 9:25

Verse 26 – Jesus Appeared To Take Away Sin: Hebrews 9:26

The Time Of Christ’s Appearance: “but now once at the consummation of the ages” – describes “the present age as the last of the series”; Galatians 4:4 – “in the fullness of time.”

The Fact Of The Incarnation: “He has been manifested” – “He appeared.”

The Purpose Of Christ’s Coming: “to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”

Matt. 20:28 – “to give his life a ransom for many.”

Romans 8:33-34

Verse 27 – The Certainty Of Death: Hebrews 9:27

Jesus died but once! It was that one death that once and for all met the need for the forgiveness of sin! John 19:30 – “it is finished.”

Verse 28 – Jesus Will Appear To Take Christians Home: Hebrews 9:28

“so Christ also, having been offered once” – literally “once and for all.”

2 Timothy 4:8

Titus 2:13

His second advent will not deal with the sin question, because that issue was treated on the cross.

Isaiah 43:25

Application:

1. Sin Is A Radical And Terrible Reality Which Calls For A Radical And Terrible Cure! The Death Of Jesus Is The Only Means To Life.
2. Like The Hebrew Believers We Must Make A Choice Between The Earthly Or The Heavenly, The Temporary Or The Eternal, The Incomplete Or The Complete.
3. The Believer's Sanctuary Is In Heaven. His Father Is In Heaven, His Saviour Is In Heaven, His Citizenship Is In Heaven, And His Treasures Should Be In Heaven, Thus Our Hope Is In Heaven.
4. The Work Of Christ Is A Completed Work, Final And Eternal. On The Basis Of His Completed Work, Jesus Is Ministering Now In Heaven On Our Behalf.