

HEBREWS 9 YOUR APPOINTMENT

- Ch. 8 ended with a glorious introduction of the new covenant and compared it with the new covenant... It went like this...

HEBREWS 8:7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, (*It had faults!*) then no place would have been sought for a second.

8 Because finding fault with them, He says: "BEHOLD, THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL MAKE A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH— 9 NOT ACCORDING TO THE COVENANT THAT I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS IN THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT; BECAUSE THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DISREGARDED THEM, SAYS THE LORD.

- THIS was the fault with the covenant of the Law... NOBODY could keep it!
- **I will demonstrate**... Will everybody who has driven over the speed limit, at least one time ... Please raise your hand. Look around.
 - We have envelopes from the VCSD for you to enclose your fine and mail it in.
 - **SOME of you will need more than one envelope**...
 - QUESTION: Why didn't the California Vehicle Code keep you from speeding?
 - Answer: Because you are law breakers at heart... (I KNOW You!)
So does God so He said this...

10 FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS IN THEIR MIND AND WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

11 NONE OF THEM SHALL (*Have to*) TEACH HIS NEIGHBOR, AND NONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,' FOR ALL SHALL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST OF THEM TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.

- **What a glorious promise...**

12 FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS **I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE.**"

13 In that He says, "A NEW COVENANT," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away. **He continues in CH 9...**

Hebrews 9:1 Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary.

- In Exodus and Leviticus, you can read of the dozens of daily, weekly, and monthly sacrifices that were required to be done.
 - They killed an innocent animal to begin the day and slaughtered another to end the day... EVERYDAY! **Can you imagine?**

THE COPY OF HEAVEN...

2 For a tabernacle was prepared: the first *part*, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; 3 and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, 4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; 5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

- ALL of these pieces and parts of the Tabernacle are descriptive and pictures of Jesus Christ... Someday our Jewish friends will see that...
 - The lampstands represent the Light of the World.
 - The bread on the table represents the Bread of Life.
 - The holiness of the tabernacle represents the holiness of Christ.
 - The Golden censor that was carried only the day of atonement represented the coming Savior of the World, Jesus.
 - The ark and the mercy seat representing forgiveness and removal of our sin.
 - The gold, the manna, the rod of Aaron, the tablets of the law... **And more!** All pictures for us to understand God's provision of salvation through His Son. **Now... V6**

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6 Now when **these things** had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing *the services*.

- The normal Levite priests... They would perform all of these daily rituals but **NEVER** go into the holy of holies. What would happen if they did?
- Aren't you glad that WE **CAN** approach our Heavenly Father?

HIGH PRIESTS

7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; 8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest (**IE, not available to all**) while the first tabernacle was still standing. **SEE LEV. 16 & NUM. 29**

THE WEAKNESS OF THE LAW

9 It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered **which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience**— 10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

- Let me illustrate again... How many of us... After paying our \$367.00 fine to the Court... Never again drove over the speed limit? **AM I THE ONLY ONE?**
- Even the High Priest had to confess his sin once again on the next day of atonement. Can you imagine having to go to confession over and over for your whole life? **Oh, wait... Some of us can. Here is a better plan...**

REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

- **COURSON** - When a Jewish person went to the temple to worship, he would bring a lamb to offer on the altar. After careful examination by the

priest, if the lamb was found to be without spot or blemish, the worshiper could worship confidently. **You see, the priest never inspected the person—only the lamb.** Satan will try to whisper in your ear, "You're blemished. You've dropped the ball. You haven't been a woman of prayer. You haven't been a man of integrity. You can't worship. You can't talk to the Father. You can't be blessed." **BUT SATAN IS WRONG!** Therefore, we can come to the Father confidently and talk to Him freely based not upon our righteousness, but solely on the perfection of the Lamb.

THE PERFECT LAMB OF GOD

13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, **(NUMBERS 19)** sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?

- Spiritually speaking, those of us who have asked for and accepted Salvation through Jesus Christ' blood SHOULD HAVE a clear conscious, RIGHT?
 - If you DO NOT enjoy a clear conscious, ask yourself, why not?
 - Am I being deceived by the enemy?
 - OR... Am I NOT living in the Spirit? IE, In tune with the Holy Spirit?

NEED SOME HELP?

15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, **(His death)** for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

THE LAST WILL OF JESUS CHRIST

16 For where there *is* a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament *is* in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

NLT - Now when someone leaves a will, it is necessary to prove that the person who made it is dead. 17 The will goes into effect only after the person's death. While the person who made it is still alive, the will cannot be put into effect.

THE NECESSITY OF SACRIFICE

18 Therefore not even the first *covenant* was dedicated without blood. 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD HAS COMMANDED YOU." **EXODUS 24:8**

- BTW, When was the sacrifice of animal blood first implemented? **Genesis 3:21**

21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, **and without shedding of blood there is no remission.** (Forgiveness)

- This is a real problem for our Jewish friends... They have to substitute the shedding of blood with something else. With WHAT? Good works.
 - There are customs of transferring sins onto an animal that some Jews observe during Yom Kippur... But without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

OUR PRIEST IN GOD'S PRESENCE

23 Therefore *it* was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, **now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25** not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— 26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, **once** at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away (*Permanently remove*) sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

YOUR APPOINTMENT

27 And as it is appointed for men to die **once**, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To

those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HIM TO APPEAR?

Let me remind you of WHY you SHOULD BE... It has been 4 days since I mentioned it last...

1 Thessalonians 4:13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.