

HEBREWS PART 5

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The Book of Hebrews ... written to the Hebrews ... the Jewish converts. They were now following Jesus of Nazareth. But ... some were thinking of "going back". But ... Paul points out ... that what we have is **better**.

HEBREWS CHAPTER 9 ... BETTER SANCTUARY

Hebrews 9:1-5 (NKJV)

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

2 For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called **the sanctuary**; (*the Holy Place*)

3 and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called **the Holiest of All**, (*The Most Holy Place*)

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**; (*the stone tablets with the 10 commandments written on them*)

5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

The 1st Covenant was centred around the old sanctuary. The Hebrews were very familiar with this existing old sanctuary ... it was important to them ... but ... now it is important for them to understand the transition ... The Heavenly Sanctuary ... a better sanctuary ... better sacrifice ... better Priesthood ... better outcome.

It might be difficult to accept? The beautiful temple to be cast away?

Hebrews 9:6-10 (NKJV)

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

(Daily)

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;** *(Yom Kippur! Day of Atonement)*

8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. *(Only one man ... Only one day in the year ... the High Priest ... this continued while the first tabernacle was still standing)*

9 It was symbolic (*"figure" ... KJV. Greek: Parable*) 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— **(Hebrews 9:9 (NASB) "which is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience,"** ... *killing an animal isn't going to renew your mind ... make your mind a better mind. That is the weakness of these sacrifices)*

10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed **until the time of reformation.** *(Always temporary ... it would end ... the Hebrews might not have understood that ... these are now history . It is a "time of setting things straight")*

Hebrews 9:11-14 (NKJV)

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. *(So ... there is a better*

sanctuary ... the better tabernacle ... which our Better Priest serves in)

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.**

13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, 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?** *(This is where the difference is. Jesus' blood cleanses the conscience)*

CONSCIENCE: Aware of sin/guilt ... failure

Can be seared ... **1 Timothy 4:2 (NKJV)** "**having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,**"

Can be defiled ... **Titus 1:15 (NKJV)** "**even their mind and conscience are defiled**".

Can be evil ... **Hebrews 10:22 (NKJV)** "let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, **having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience** and our bodies washed with pure water:"

We don't want to go through life with a damaged conscience. It can be quite a "weight". It isn't hard for us to have consciences that are troubled. It is good to be set free ... to have a clean/clear conscience. We don't want to go through week after week with a damaged conscience. We need to know that when God looks at us ... He doesn't see any trace of sin *(Satan accuses ... God reviews our life ... clean history ... totally justified ... because our High Priest took His blood into the sanctuary)*

Again. This gives us confidence ... boldness!!

Hebrews 9:15-28 (NKJV)

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

16 For where there is a ***testament**, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. (*Greek: Diatheke ... covenant)

17 For a ***testament** is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

18 **Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood.** *(That's the one back at Mt Sinai)*

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."**

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.**

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;** *(That is what our High Priest is doing ... for us ... His brothers and sisters. Jesus served us on earth ... now He serves us in Heaven ... as our High Priest ... representing us in the presence of The Father)*

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 sin by the sacrifice of Himself. (*He has already put our sin away ... it happens once!*)

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.**

Hebrews 9:28 (Voice)

28 ... **will appear a second time, not to deal again with sin, but to rescue those who eagerly await His return.** (*We do ... eagerly await the return of The Lord Jesus*)

HEBREWS CHAPTER 10 ... A BETTER SACRIFICE

Hebrews 10:1-4 (NKJV)

1 For the law, (*Levitical Sacrifices*) **having a shadow of the good things to come**, and not the very image of the things, **can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.**

2 **For then (if it did make you perfect) would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. (AMPLIFIED ... "they would no longer have any guilt or consciousness of sin")**

3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.

4 **For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.**

A guilty conscience makes you uncomfortable. It nags at us! Hesitancy/reluctance to "run to God"? It's a great relief to be free!! It means we can expect to have a close ... intimate relationship.

Hebrews 10:5-10 (NKJV)

5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

**"Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,
But a body You have prepared for Me.**

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure

7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—

(In the volume of the book it is written of Me)—

To do Your will, O God.' "

8 Previously saying, **"Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them"**

(which are offered according to the law), *(God has no desire for animal sacrifices ... why would God be bothered about a sheep being on fire? It reminded the people of their sins. For God Himself ... a burned animal?? He is no longer demanding a sacrifice ... He has given the ultimate sacrifice for us. Why. Because He wants a relationship and not religious regulations/ceremonies. He prefers a humble heart and obedience.)*

9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second.

10 **By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.** *(God isn't demanding a sacrifice ... He's offering one!! He's given the sacrifice ... His own Son)*

Compare: **Romans 8:29-32 (NKJV)**

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Hebrews 10:11-18 (NKJV)

11 **And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.**

12 **But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,**

13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

14 **For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.**

15 But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before,

16 **"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"**

17 then He adds, **"Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."**

18 Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. *(Our sins have gone ... washed away. "REMEMBER NO MORE." We do. God doesn't!!)*

Hebrews 10:19-22 (NKJV)

19 **Therefore, (because we are clean in God's eyes) brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, (We should have BOLDNESS! ... in entering THE MOST HOLY PLACE ... to the Father)**

20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

21 and having a High Priest over the house of God,

22 **let us draw near (We will have to draw near. We aren't automatically placed there)** with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our

bodies washed with pure water. (*Jesus' blood cleanses our conscience. It's not defiled ... not evil*)

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NKJV)

23 **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.** (*Were Paul's audience wavering? Don't be!!*)

24 And **let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,** (*Hebrews 10:24 (NASB) "and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds", Paul's expectancy is that the brethren should be encouraging one another... to love and good works/deeds*)

25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, **and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.**

Hebrews 10:26-31 (NKJV)

26 **MAJOR WARNING # 5 *For if we sin willfully** (*not sinning just once*) **after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,** (*In the Present ongoing tense*)

* (NASB) **For if we go on sinning willfully**

* (AMP) **For if we go on deliberately and willingly sinning**

This is a deliberate state of mind.

27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 **Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?** (*Can you do that*)

when the Father gave up everything? When Jesus gave up so much? They did all that ... and you don't care?)

30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people."

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:32-34 (NKJV)

32 But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings:

33 partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; *(Remember when you were first converted. You started well. You stuck with it)*

34 for you had compassion on me in my chains, *(Is this Paul?)* and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, **knowing that you**

have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.

Hebrews 10:35-39 (NKJV)

35 **Therefore do not cast away your confidence, (BOLDNESS ... VERSE 19) which has great reward.**

36 **For you have need of endurance**, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

37 "For yet a very little while,

And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

38 Now **the just** shall live by faith;

But if anyone draws back,

My soul has no pleasure in him."

Romans 1:17 (NKJV) " ... The just shall live by faith"

Galatians 3:11 (NKJV) " ... the just shall live by faith."

Heb 10:38 (NKJV) Now the just shall live by faith;

39 **But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.**

We all need to endure ... To keep on keeping on! We all need to live by faith ... then we will inherit the promises.