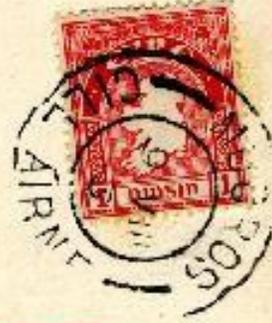


The Letter to the
Hebrews

Chapter Nine



Wednesday Series

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The Book of Hebrews: Introduction

■ “Better” in the Epistle:

- 1) Christ **BETTER** than angels **1:4**
- 2) Confident of **BETTER** things concerning you **6:9**
- 3) The lesser is blessed by the **BETTER** **7:7**
- 4) A **BETTER** hope **7:19**
- 5) Surety of a **BETTER** covenant **7:22**
- 6) Mediator of a **BETTER** covenant **8:6**
- 7) Established on **BETTER** promises **8:6**
- 8) **BETTER** sacrifices **9:23**
- 9) A **BETTER** and enduring possession ... in heaven **10:34**
- 10) A **BETTER**, that is, a heavenly country **11:16**
- 11) A **BETTER** resurrection **11:35**
- 12) Something **BETTER** for us **11:40**



The Book of Hebrews: Outline

- Theme: The **Superiority** of Christ!
 - Superior to angels **1:1–2:4**
 - Superior as a Redeemer **2:5 – 2:18**
 - Superior to Moses **3:1 – 4:13**
 - Superior to Aaron **4:14 – 5:10**
 - Warnings of apostasy **5:11 – 6:20**
 - Jesus, Priest forever **7:1 – 7:28**
 - Better covenant & tabernacle **8:1 – 9:12**
 - Better Sacrifice **9:13 – 10:18**
 - Better life **10:19 – 13:25**

The Book of Hebrews: Outline

▪ Contrasts made in the epistle:

- The Son / Angels **1:4 – 2:4**
- The Son / Moses **3:1-6**
- Canaan rest / God's rest **3:12 – 4:13**
- Christ / Aaron **4:14 – 5:10**
- Spiritual infancy / maturity **5:11-14**
- Apostasy / Faithfulness **5:11 – 6:20**
- Old Law / New Law **8:1-13**
- Offerings of old law / Christ **9:1 – 10:18**
- Faith / sight **11:1-40**
- Mt. Sinai / Mt. Zion **12:18-29**

Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing

[9: 1-5]

- The “first” covenant was not the ultimate covenant
- The tabernacle itself reveals its temporary nature
 - An earthly place of holiness
 - It was a tent
 - The earthly tent was filled with specific earthly, physical furniture and utensils
- “*we cannot now speak in detail*” (ESV)
 - “he has neither the time nor inclination” - King
- Sufficient reminder of the physical, temporal nature of the **instruments** of the “first” covenant

Way Into the Holy Place Was Not Open

[9:6-10]

- The Most Holy Place was not accessible to all
 - Only to the High Priest
 - Only one day **per year**
 - Only after He sacrificed for his own sins
 - Only one right with God could intercede for others
- The Spirit intended all this to show the Law's limits
 - A "**parable**" for the "now" (9) - "Intended to point beyond itself and provide a conceptual explanation for something else." – McClister
 - These sacrifices that cannot clear the conscience are...
- "*until*" the time of "revision or "correction" (10)

Christ, High Priest of a Better Tabernacle

[9:11-14]

- Christ, the ultimate High Priest...
 - ... entered the ultimate Most Holy Place
 - Not the temporary, earthly copy
- He entered “once for all”
 - Not to be regularly repeated like OT sacrifices
- He entered by the means of “His own blood”
 - Not the blood of bulls and goats
- The blood of bulls and goats served to purify the flesh
- The blood of Christ serves to clear the conscience of the worshipper from sin

Christ, Mediator of a New Covenant

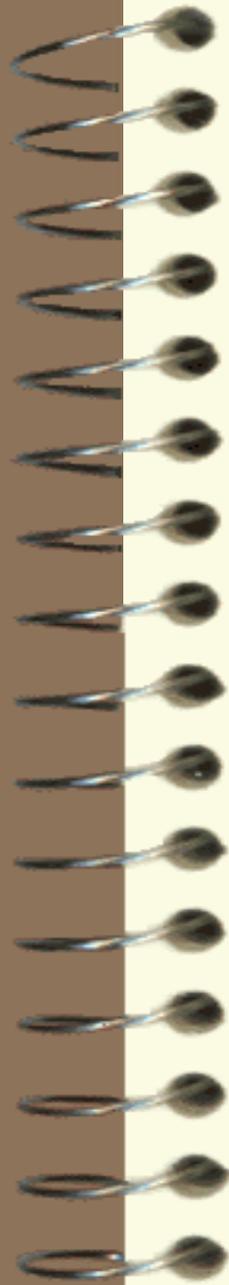
[9:15-22]

- He is the mediator of a new *covenant*
 - Or “*testament*” as in “*last will and testament*”
 - So that, saints may receive an eternal inheritance
- His death took care of all sin for all time
- His death put the ultimate covenant into effect
- The first covenant was ratified with death
 - In fact, almost everything that was purified under the first covenant was purified with blood
 - (another “parable” to teach us that...)
- Without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin

Copies Have Given Way to The Heavenly

[9:23-28]

- The better things required a better sacrifice
 - The earthly was the copy
 - The heavenly is the reality
 - No more will an earthly priest enter an earthly sanctuary and use earthly utensils to repeatedly offer imperfect sacrifices
- Christ offered Himself one time for all time
- His redemptive work is sure & final (*death & judgment*)
 - He appeared once as the ultimate sacrifice for sin
 - He will return as the judge
 - *“to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him”*



The Book of Hebrews

**Next Week:
Chapter 10**

