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The Uniqueness of Jesus Hebrews 9

Hebrews 9, following on the heels of chapter 8, goes even further in demonstrating the greatness of Jesus and the role the Law of Moses played in that regard. The first section of Hebrews 9 (vv1-10) describes the scene at the tabernacle of the Old Testament — veils, priests, blood, and offerings. To an audience that was so impressed with those things that they were considering returning to them, the Holy Spirit makes a stunning remark in verse 11, and in so doing, impresses upon us again the uniqueness of Jesus.

Hebrews 9.11 notes that Jesus “appeared as a high priest of the good things to come.” This is, in fact, just exactly how Hebrews 8 ended — with the promise of a time coming when God would remember sin no more. The Holy Spirit seems to be connecting the work of Jesus with Jeremiah’s prophecy of the time when, under a new covenant, God would remember sin no more.

Additionally, Hebrews 9.11 describes Jesus as entering “through

the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands.” This seems to be a reference to the ascension of Jesus to Heaven (4.14), where He now intercedes for us before God (7.25) by His own blood (9.12). Truly Israel’s tabernacle was pointing toward the greater and more perfect work that Jesus would accomplish on our behalf!

And to that end, the Holy Spirit notes in Hebrews 9.12 that “through His own blood, [Jesus] entered the Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.” Just as the tabernacle through which Jesus ended is “not of this creation” (9.11), neither is this “Holy Place” to be understood as within the confines of the earthly tabernacle. Rather, Jesus has entered into “the presence of God for us” (9.24). It is here that He intercedes on our behalf as the High Priest before our Father. Israel’s high priests served in physical structures with the blood of animals, presenting themselves before God once a year (9.25). Our great High Priest serves Heaven for us before the Father, awaiting the time He will bring salvation to His followers (9.28). -TS

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