Jesus Our Great High Priest
An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews

Two Covenants
Lesson 11
Hebrews 9:1-15

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So Great a Salvation

- 4 Gospels; Isaiah 53; Romans; Galatians

- Hebrews – Christ’s work of salvation explained
  - Deity and humanity (1)
  - Sinless and faithful (4:15)
  - Lived by faith (2:10; 5:8)

- The role of the High Priest in the work of salvation
  - Order of Melchizedek and a better Covenant

- Three historical covenants
  - Covenant with Abraham through Christ
  - Old Covenant with Israel through Moses
  - New Covenant with all of God’s people through Christ
So Great a Salvation

▷ The Promise and Oath of God
  ◦ Abraham – covenant of salvation (Gen 22:15-18; Heb 6:13-18)
  ◦ Christ – High Priest of the order of Melchizedek (Ps 110:4; Heb 4:3)
  ◦ David – eternal monarchy (Ps 89:3–4; 19-37; 46-49)
  ◦ Noah – no flood (Isa 54:9-10)
  ◦ Eternal wrath (Ps 95:11; Heb 4:5-6)

▷ The certainty of the outcome
  ◦ The Heir of all things (1:2)
  ◦ Bringing many sons to glory; author of salvation (2:10)
  ◦ Entering the rest of God (3:18-19; 4:9-11)
  ◦ The source of eternal salvation (5:9)
Two Covenants

- Covenant #1 – Old
  - Weak, useless and faulty (7:18; 8:7)
  - No promise of salvation (Deut 11:8-17)
  - Schoolmaster (Gal 3:24)
  - Reveal sin (Rom 3:20)
  - Reveal the manner of dealing with sin (Levitical priesthood)
  - Temporary – “until Christ” (Gal 3:24)

- Covenant #2 – New
  - Actually brings salvation (8:8-12)
  - A new heart (Deut 30:6; Ezek 36:24-28)
  - Forgiveness of sins
  - Makes and preserves the relationship between God and man
Two Covenants (9:1-10:18)

- High Priest and the Old Covenant (9:1-10)
- High Priest and the New Covenant (9:11-15)
The Old Covenant Ministry (9:1-10)

- Regulations of Divine worship and the earthly sanctuary
- Worship – bow down; divine service
- Psalm 29:2 – worship in the beauty of holiness
- Romans 12:1-2 – present your bodies – divine service
- The tabernacle
  - Early tabernacle a model of the heavenly tabernacle
  - Holy Place
  - Holy of Holies
Earthly Tabernacle (not to scale)  Heavenly Temple
The Atoning Sacrifice

- Daily service in the Holy Place
- The Day of Atonement – Leviticus 19
- Incense on a censer
- Sin offering – Bull and goat
- Scapegoat – goat of removal sent into the wilderness
- Burnt offering – 2 rams
A Lesson from the Holy Spirit (9:8-10)

- No permanent access to God
- No purification of the conscience (guilt)
- A temporary reprieve before God
- Until a time of reformation – the Great High Priest
The New Covenant Ministry (9:11-15)

- High Priest of “good things to come”
- He entered the Tabernacle in heaven
- Presentation of the blood of the atoning sacrifice
- Blood of bulls and goats – sin offering (Lev. 16)
- Ashes of the red heifer (Numbers 19)
- A finished work – “once for all”
- He made purification for sins (Hebrews 1:3)
The Meaning of the Presentation

- For this reason . . . such a high priest for such a covenant
- His death solved the “fault” of the Old Covenant
- His death guarantees an eternal inheritance for the called
- The King of righteousness and peace
- The Covenant of Everlasting Peace (Isaiah 54:9-10; Ezekiel 34:23-25; 37:24-28; Romans 5:1)