

A New and Living Way

Lesson 14: Hebrews 10:11-25

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Review

- The superiority of Christ 1:1-6:20
 - The excellency of the Son as priest 1:1-4
 - Better than angels 1:5-2:18
 - Better than Moses 3:1-5:10
 - Call to maturity 5:11-6:20
- The new order 7:1-13:17
 - The structure 7:1-10:18
 - Life 10:19-13:17
- Closing 13:18-25

Review

- Better than angels 1:5-2:18
 - Angels and the Son 1:5-14
 - Disobedience to angels punished 2:1-4
 - Subjection of the world to come to man, not angels 2:5-8
 - Our High Priest had to be made like us and suffer 2:9-18

Review

- Better than Moses 3:1-5:10
 - Moses and the Son 3:1-6
 - Disobedience under Moses punished 3:7-19
 - True rest in Christ 4:1-13
 - The qualifications of Christ as priest 4:14-5:10

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- The new order 7:1-13:17
 - The structure 7:1-10:18
 - The Priesthood of Melchizedek 7:1-8:5
 - The Old Covenant and the New Covenant 8:6-9:28
 - The last sacrifice 10:1-18
 - Life 10:19-13:17
 - Life under the great high priest 10:19-39
 - The life of faith illustrated 11:1-40
 - Diligence and discipline 12:1-17
 - The kingdom of the priest 12:18-29
 - Life as Christians 13:1-17

Key words

- Better – 13 of 15 NT occurrence
 - Angels 1:4
 - Hope 7:19
 - Covenant 7:22, 8:6
 - Promises 8:6
 - Sacrifices 9:23
 - Possession 10:34
 - *Country* 11:16
 - Resurrection 11:35
- Rest – 8 of 9 NT occurrences
- Sharers, partakers – 5 of 6 NT occurrences

HEBREWS 10:11 – 25

Outline

- The end to offerings
 - The ineffective sacrifices of the priests
 - The effective sacrifice of Christ
- The forgiven life
 - Our new privileged position
 - The new way of life

The end to offerings
Hebrews 10:11-12

Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after **time** the same **sacrifices**, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one **sacrifice** for sins for all **time**, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,

- “And” – continuation
- This is true of all priests
- Every, time after time, same
- Contrasts 10:11 with 10:12
- One, for all time
- Sat – dominion, power
- Right hand – 1:3, 8:1, 12:2 honor

Priesthoods

Levitical

- Every priest
- Stands
- Daily
- Same offerings
- Often
- Sacrifices

Christ

- He/this one
- Sat
- One sacrifice
- (Unique offering)
- Once for all time
- One sacrifice

The end to offerings
Hebrews 10:13

waiting from that time
onward UNTIL HIS
ENEMIES BE MADE A
FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.

- This priest has enemies
- Passive – the enemies will be subjugated for Him

The end to offerings
Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

- Only one offering was needed
- Perfection has been secured
- Sanctification is still in process

The end to offerings
Hebrews 10:15

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying,

- And...also
 - The Holy Spirit is a second witness
- “testify” bear witness (martyr)
- Scripture is attributed to the Holy Spirit

The end to offerings
Hebrews 10:16

“THIS IS THE COVENANT
THAT I WILL MAKE WITH
THEM

AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS
THE LORD:

I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON
THEIR HEART,
AND ON THEIR MIND I
WILL WRITE THEM,”

He then says,

- Different use than Ch. 8
- “Those days” – the days of the new covenant
- Heart vs. mind
 - Heart: Set of physical, spiritual and mental life
 - Mind: faculty of thinking, comprehending, reasoning, moral understanding

The end to offerings
Hebrews 10:17

“AND THEIR SINS AND
THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS
I WILL REMEMBER NO
MORE.”

- Sin vs. lawless deeds
 - Sin: departure from standard of uprightness
 - Lawless: being disposed to what is lawless
- “not at all...still”
 - Strong negation
- Remember – think of, care for, keep in mind

The end to offerings
Hebrews 10:18

Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer *any* offering for sin.

- Forgiveness = not remembering
- Only Christ's sacrifice could bring this type of forgiveness
- When there is this type of forgiveness no more offerings are needed

The forgiven life
Hebrews 10:19

Therefore, brethren, **since**
we have confidence to
enter the holy place by the
blood of Jesus,

- First reason
- The offerer never entered the Holy of Holies
- We have confidence now
- Boldness and confidence
 - Now “legally”
 - At the end of days
- Blood (92) vs. cross (28)

The forgiven life

Hebrews 10:20

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

- We can approach since we are in Christ
- The entrance has been opened
- “new” – recent, not previously existing
- “way” – way of life, course of behavior
- Jesus is the door John 10:7
- Would there have been a way if Christ hadn't had a body?
- Flesh – incarnation

The forgiven life
Hebrews 10:21

and **since** *we have* a great priest over the house of God,

- Second reason
- Confidence isn't enough
- Not a high priest, but a great priest
- “house of God” – the church
 - Hebrews 3:2-6
 - 1 Timothy 3:15
 - 1 Peter 4:17

The forgiven life
Hebrews 10:22

let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of **faith**, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

- “draw near” 4:16, 7:25, **10:1**, 11:6, 12:18, 12:22, 1 Peter 2:4
 - For worship
- Approach acceptably
- Purification ceremony, sprinkling and washing
- Assurance

The forgiven life
Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the
confession of our **hope**
without wavering, for He
who promised is faithful;

- Hold fast – related to the word for catechism
- Confession – “same word”, statement of allegiance
- Bending to neither side
- Not returning to the Old Covenant
- Hope is assured because of the faithfulness of the promise(r)

The forgiven life
Hebrews 10:24

and let us consider how to stimulate one another to **love** and good deeds,

- “consider” also Heb. 3:1
 - Look or think carefully about
- What: one another
- Purpose/goal: rousing to activity
- KJV: let vs consider one another to prouoke
- NIV: let us consider how we may spur one another
- ESV: let us consider how to stir up one another

The forgiven life
Hebrews 10:25

not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

- 10:24 is difficult if we don't meet together
- “forsake” – in a negligent manner, be remiss
- How is this accomplished?
 - As the body of Christ we are meant to be together
 - Exhorting – urge strongly

What does this look like?

- Praying for each other
- Living the Christian life, being an example
- Encouraging others to spiritual activities
- Serving one another
- Bearing each others burdens
- Humility

Summary of the argument

- In light of forgiveness in Christ (therefore...)
 - Since we have confidence to enter the holy place
 - By the blood of Jesus
 - By a new and living way
 - Since we have a great priest
 - Let us...
 - Draw near
 - Hold fast
 - Consider one another

Summary

- Christ's effective sacrifice was offered once for all time
- Forgiveness in Christ does away with the need for further sacrifices
- Our new life is one of privilege, assurance, and consideration