

HEBREWS 5

1. Of whom is the high priest of Israel a picture?
-A picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. How is the high priest of Israel a picture of Christ?
-As the high priest would go before God on behalf of Israel, Christ goes before the Father on behalf of all people.
-As the high priest would take a blood sacrifice for a temporary payment of sin, Christ has given Himself as a permanent blood sacrifice to pay for our sin.
3. Why is there no longer a need for another priest?
-Because Christ is perfect and His sacrifice was perfect, His perfect sacrifice has completely paid for our sin.
4. Why was Christ called Son while He was on earth?
-To teach us that as Christ humbled Himself before the Father, we, too, should humble ourselves before God.
5. How did the Lord Jesus learn obedience from what He suffered?
-Even though the Lord Jesus had never disobeyed, His suffering and dying on the cross was in obedience to the Father.
6. If the Lord Jesus was already perfect, how was He made perfect?
-This means that He completed His work as our great

high priest by sacrificing Himself on the cross.

7. What is the “order” of Melchizedek?
-The “order” of Melchizedek is without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, and a forever priest.
-This, of course, is the Lord Jesus Christ.
8. How are the laws of Moses weak and useless?
-Because laws can never force you to obey them.
9. Why did the laws of Moses make no one perfect?
-Because laws can never help you to obey them.
10. What is the new law?
-That Christ is our obedience and our righteousness.

-In the previous lessons, we learned that Christ is superior to the prophets, to the angels, to Moses, and to all of the high priests starting with Aaron.

-In this lesson, we will learn that the new agreement which Christ has brought is superior to the old agreement which God gave to Israel.

-We will be studying Hebrews 8, 9, and 10.

-Beginning with Hebrews 8, we will learn that there is a difference between the old agreement and the new agreement.

-As we will learn, the old agreement with Israel could never save Israel because Israel could never completely obey the agreement.

-The new agreement, however, is superior because it is Christ who completely obeys for us.

-In the Bible, the word “covenant” can also mean “agreement.”

Let's read Hebrews 8:6-7

6-But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.

7-For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.

-Who gave the first agreement to Israel?

-God.

-What was the first agreement?

-That if Israel would obey the laws, God would bless them, but if Israel disobeyed the laws, God would punish them.

-What was the purpose of the first agreement?

-To teach Israel and to teach all people that God is extremely holy.

-To teach Israel and to teach all people that no one can completely obey God's laws.

-Why can no one completely obey God's laws?

-Because all people are born with sin in their hearts.

-No one can come to God on their own.

-No one can come to God by what they do.

-Why are there many religions in this world?

-Because people are trying to come to God on their own.

-Because people are trying to come to God by what they do.

-The old agreement teaches us that no one can come to God on their own by what they do.

-No one can come to God on their own.

-No one can come to God by what they do.

-No one can reach to where God is on their own.

-No one can arrive to where God is on their own.

-No one can enter to where God is on their own.

-The old agreement teaches us that we must cry out to God to help us to come to Him.

- We must cry out to God to help us to reach Him.
- We must cry out to God to help us to arrive where He is.
- We must cry out to God to help us to enter where He is.

-Was there anything wrong with the old agreement?

- No.
- It was given by God, but it was not complete.

-What was incomplete about the old agreement?

- It could only teach.
- It could force no one to obey.
- It could cause no one to obey.
- It could save no one.

Let's read Hebrews 8:8-13

8-But God found fault with the people and said: "The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

9-It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant. and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.

10-This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their

hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

11-No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

12-For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

13-By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.

-All of these verses except for verse 13 are from the Old Testament and Jeremiah 31:31-34.

-Many years ago in the Old Testament, God said that He would make a new agreement.

-What is the new agreement?

-That even though we could not completely obey His laws, God will put His laws on our minds and hearts.

-That even though we could not completely obey His laws, God will take our punishment even though we deserve to be punished.

-It is Christ who is our obedience.

-It is Christ who brings us to God.

With the new agreement, what is God teaching us?

-That God alone can work in our hearts to help us to believe in Him.

-Without the help of God, we cannot believe in Him.

-Beginning with Hebrews 9, we will learn that there is a difference between the old tabernacle and the new tabernacle.

-As we will learn, the old tabernacle of Israel could only teach that God wants to live with us, but cannot because of our sin.

-The new tabernacle of Christ, however, is superior because God is now able to live with us because of Christ.

Let's read Hebrews 9:1-5

1-Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary.

2-A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place.

3-Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place,

4-which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant.

5-Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.

-In the Old Testament, God asked Israel to build a tabernacle so that God could be near to Israel.

-The earthly tabernacle which Moses built was a tent where the Spirit of God would live on earth next to Israel.

-Even though the Spirit of God was in the tabernacle, only the high priest could enter the inner room only once a year, and never without blood.

Let's read Hebrews 9:6-7

6-When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry.

7-But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.

-God has always wanted to live with His people.

-Because of His holiness and our sinfulness, however, He needed to separate Himself from our sin.

-The earthly tabernacle in which the Spirit of God lived for a short time could never allow us to live with God.

-Because of the holiness of God, no one could enter and be with God.

-Because of our sinfulness, no one could enter and be with God.

-This is why a better tabernacle was needed.

Let's read Hebrews 9:11-14

11-But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation.

12-He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

13-The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.

14-How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

-Where is the new tabernacle?

-In heaven.

-How do we get to the new tabernacle?

-If we believe in Christ, we are already in the new tabernacle.

-Christians have been raised and seated with Christ in heaven (Ephesians 2:6).

-As Christians, we are citizens of heaven (Pp 3:20).

-Christ dwells in all Christians, and we in Him.

-It is the blood of the great high priest, the Lord Jesus Christ, which allows us into the presence of God.

Let's read Hebrews 9:15

15-For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

-How were people in the Old Testament saved?

-The same way that they are saved in the New Testament.

-It is belief in three truths that saves us:

- 1) That God is holy and must punish sin with death.
- 2) That we all have sinned and merit death.
- 3) That God/Christ alone can save us.

-What is the difference between the faith of believers in the Old Testament and the faith of believers in the New Testament?

-There is only one difference.

-In the Old Testament, believers knew that God is holy, that their sin merited death, and that the Savior alone could save them.

-They did not know, however, the name of the Savior because He had not yet come.

-In the New Testament, believers know that God is holy, that their sin merits death, and that the Savior alone, the Lord Jesus, has come to save us.

Let's read Hebrews 9:22

22-In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

-Hebrews 9:22 is a very important verse.

-Without the shedding of blood, there is no payment for

sin.

-This is because our God is holy, and because our God is holy, all sin must be paid for, and it must be paid for with death.

-The shedding of blood is a picture of death.

-Because God is holy, all sin must be punished with death.

-If God would not punish sin with death, then He would lose His holiness.

-Because God protects His holiness, He must punish all sin with death.

-Either we must die for our sin, or allow Christ to die for our sin.

-For the Christian, we allow Christ to die for our sin.

-For the non-Christian, they themselves must die for their sin in the Lake of Eternal Fire.

-Beginning with Hebrews 10, we will learn that there is a difference between the old sacrifices and the new sacrifice.

-As we will learn, the old sacrifices of Israel never took away their sin, but only taught them about their sin.

-The new sacrifice of Christ, however, is superior because it completely takes away our sin.

Let's read Hebrews 10:1-4

1-The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.

2-Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins.

3-But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins.

4-It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

-In these verses, we learn that the laws of Moses were a shadow or a picture for the good things of Christ to come.

-We also learn that the sacrifices of people can never make us perfect.

-If the sacrifice of a person would make him perfect, would he need to make more sacrifices?

-No.

-If the sacrifice of a person would make him perfect, would he still feel dirty and still feel guilty?

-No.

-Then why did Israel have sacrifices?

-The sacrifices of Israel were to teach Israel and us all about our sin, and that we need a perfect sacrifice.

-The blood of animals can never take away sin because the animals have not sinned.

-It is we who have sinned.

Let's read Hebrews 10:5-10

5-Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;

6-with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.

7-Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.'"

8-First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law.

9-Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second.

10-And by that will, we have been made holy

through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

-These verses are from Psalm 40:6-8.

-Even though God had given to Israel the law with sacrifices and offerings, why was God not pleased?

-Because Israel believed that their sacrifices and offerings would force God to accept them.

-Because Israel believed in their sacrifices and offerings more than God.

-God gave Israel the sacrifices and offerings so that they would see their sin and cry out to God to save them.

-Instead, the sacrifices and offerings of Israel became their god.

Let's read Hebrews 10:11-14 & 18

11-Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

12-But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

13-and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool.

14-For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

18-And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

-Although the priests of Israel would offer sacrifices every day, the sins of the people were not paid for.

-The verse in Hebrews 10:14 is an important verse because it summarizes the work of Christ in our lives.

-With His sacrifice of death on the cross, Christ has made us perfect for heaven as He works in our lives every day to make us holy like He is holy.

-This is why sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

-The sacrifice of God Himself, our Christ, on the cross is superior to all other sacrifices.

-This is why there is no longer a tabernacle in the desert.

-This is why there is no longer a temple in Jerusalem.

-This is why there are no more sacrifices.

-As a summary for chapters 8, 9, and 10:

-The new agreement is superior to the old agreement.

-The new tabernacle is superior to the old tabernacle.

-The new sacrifice is superior to the old sacrifices.