

SESSION 15

HEBREWS 8.1-13

Context:

1. Jesus Christ offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sin, forging our atonement and qualifying Him to be our Great High Priest interceding for us eternally at the right hand of the throne of God.
2. Through Christ Jesus we are saved eternally and we are saved to the uttermost; nothing is left undone in the sanctifying of our souls unto the glory that is Christ's alone.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session:

1. We have a Great High Priest who ministers on our behalf in the true heavenly sanctuary of God Almighty.
2. God Himself through Christ's high priestly sacrifice of Himself established the New Covenant and thereby ensured the realization of His purpose by putting the Spirit of obedience into the heart of the believer.

V 1-2 The Author now sums up the crowning truths of all that he has set out to establish. What are his points?

V 3-6 What is the truth about the Old Testament earthly Temple and the Levitical priestly order of service?

What is the significance of "copy" and "shadow"?

Ex 25.40

God utterly intended for us in these New Covenant days to discern the revealed truth of the symbolic, that all that God commanded Moses in the construction of the Tabernacle and the establishment of the Levitical priesthood simply points to and is a foreshadowing of the heavenly sanctuary of God and the perfect ministry of Jesus as our Great High Priest

"No wonder the Author describes Jesus' ministry as very different than the Levitical . No wonder that the possession as ours of such a great high priest is called the chief point, the mountain peak of revelation and redemption, the crowning truth of all."

AB Stibbs

V 8 Who is "them"?

What is the significance of "house of Israel...house of Judah"?

V 9 From Ex 19.1-4, what are the major covenant responsibilities presented?

What is God's summary of the efficacy of the Old Covenant ?

What do you think is meant by .."and so I paid no heed to them, says the Lord"?

V10 What are the better promises of the New Covenant?

God Himself undertakes to completely overcome man's deficiencies in holding to the Old Covenant and in so doing He ensures the realization of His purpose by putting the Spirit of obedience into the heart of the believer.

I delight to do Thy will, O my God; Thy law is within my heart.
Psalm 40.8

Christ in you provides inner constraint as opposed to the external restraint of the Law setting the stage for the fullness of intimacy between God and the believer to unfold.

Restraint =a loss or a limitation of liberty, a confinement.....physical
Constraint=a repression of natural feelings or behavior.....spiritual

V 11 What is the promise communicated in this verse?

Isa 54.13

1 Jn 2.27

V 12 What is the foundational act of divine mercy upon which the whole New Covenant is built?

How do we get from Isa 59.2 to Heb 8.12?

V 13 What is the essence of this verse?