

SESSION 18

HEBREWS 9.23-28

Context: Jesus Christ had to suffer death, shedding His blood for man's sin thereby fulfilling the Old Covenant and ratifying the New Covenant. His blood shed sacrificially for man is infinitely pure, utterly eternal, and transformationally powerful to purge and purify the conscience of the believer from lifeless formalism and quicken it to be vibrantly alive and responsive to the passions and desires of God Almighty.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session:

1. To understand that Jesus appears NOW openly manifested before the Face of God in the Heavenly Tabernacle as our Representative, guaranteeing that we will be accepted by God and our prayers answered in the way of His choosing
2. To understand that Jesus' appearance on the field of human history was an historic, unique, one time only event; His one incarnation and one death according to His Father's plan are sufficient for all human history, past, present and future.

V 23 What is the "Thus" there for?

To what does "the heavenly things themselves" refer to?

What does this verse mean?

V 24 What word strikes you in this verse?

What is the great spiritual axle our faith turns upon that is presented herein?

This Heavenly Tabernacle is the spiritual Apex of the universe, material and immaterial. The exalted Throne of God is the command post of our sovereign, eternal Creator of all things from Whom all reality flows.

V25-26 What further contrast is the Author drawing between Jesus and the Levitical priesthood?

How does Christ as our Great High Priest doubly excel over the Levitical high priest?

What about the nature of Jesus Christ allows him to excel in these ways over the Levitical priest?

1. Jesus as man Heb 9.14

2. Jesus as God Heb 9.14
Heb 7.16

How do we know Jesus offered Himself once only and once for all time?

“It is very important to realize and recognize that Jesus offered his earthly body to die to bear the sins of many at a specific point in history, and that one incarnation and one death are sufficient for all history, past, present and future.”

AB Stibbs

What time reference in V 26 catches your attention?

V 27-28 What correlation is the Author making in these verses?

First Coming Jn 12.47

Second Coming 2Cor 5.10 Acts 10.42 Mtt 25.31-46 Rev 20.11-13

What is the great wonder of V 28b?

What prevents us from eagerly awaiting Christ's Second Coming?

The role of worldliness Rom 12.2

The role of unbelief

Eagerness for Jesus Second Coming cannot be “worked up”. It is the fruit of a longing for Jesus born of intimacy with Him and from His perspective seeing the tragedy of the world in which we live. The revelation of the Kingdom of God to us always spurs authentic eagerness for its completion to take place.