

December 22/Day 356

Hebrews 7

Verses 1-3

- Picking up where we left off yesterday.
- Do Melchizedek's characteristics remind you of anyone?

Verses 4-10

- Who did Melchizedek bless? Who had the promises?

Verses 11-17

- Jesus is our high priest by order of Melchizedek. Was Jesus from the priestly tribe of Levi?

Verses 18-22

- What does the law make perfect/complete?
- Do you remember the purpose of the law? Its purpose is to define sin, to show us when we sin. Keeping it doesn't make us sinless because all sin are not outward acts, some sin is inward attitudes. We can keep the do's and do not's but that doesn't change our insides.
- The Law is known as the Old Covenant. What kind of covenant does receiving Jesus guarantee?

Verses 23-25

- Why did mankind need many priests?
- Who holds His priesthood permanently?
- What does Jesus do for those who draw near to God?

Verses 26-28

- Describe Jesus as high priest.
- The priests of the Old Covenant (the Law) served daily, sacrificing for themselves and for the sins of the people. Why are they no longer necessary?
- Would the Hebrew people understand these examples of the sacrificial system?

Hebrews 8

Verses 1-6

- What is said about our high priest?
- Who pitched the true tabernacle?
- According to verse 5, what was the purpose of having priests from among men (and an earthly tabernacle, and the Law)?
- Explain from verse 6 what is better and more excellent?

Verse 7

- Observe verse 7 again. The first covenant was The Law/Old Covenant/Old Testament.

Verses 8-13

- How is this new covenant different from the old?
- According to verse 13, what will happen to the first (old) one?

Hebrews 9

Verses 1-5

- Would these Hebrew believers have known about the Temple?

Verses 6-10

- How often did the priests enter to make sacrifice? The answer is an adverb.
- Who was the only priest to enter behind the veil into the Holy of Holies?
- In what way did these gifts and sacrifices fail? Why?

Verses 11-14

- How was Jesus's sacrifice different?
- How many times was it necessary for Him to do this?
- What were our works like and why would our conscience need to be cleansed from our works?

Verses 15-22

- The Old Covenant can also be referred to as the Old Testament. Have you ever heard of a Last Will and Testament? Same word. Explain how there must be a death to cause this covenant/testament to become valid for the beneficiary (us).
- Explain how even the Old Covenant/Old Testament/The Law was inaugurated with blood.
- Think about verse 20. Do you remember when Jesus quoted this at the Passover prior to His crucifixion?
- There is no such thing as forgiveness without what?

Verses 23-28

- How are the earthly and the heavenly contrasted here?
- How many times did it take to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself?
- How many times do humans die? What comes after death?
- So, Jesus offered His sacrifice once for all. No need to do it over and over again.
- When will He appear a second time? There will be no reference to sin this time because He took care of this already.

Hebrews 10

Verses 1-4

- What can the Law not do and why?
- Why was there a reminder?
- What can the blood of bulls and goats not do?

Verses 5-10

- He took away the first (Old Covenant/Law) in order to establish what?

Verses 11-15

- This passage is so liberating. The human priests stood ministering all day long every day. Have you noticed there were no chairs in the Temple? But, the work continued 24/7 because it was never good enough, it was never finished.
- Jesus sacrificed Himself once for all, then he did what? Why would he do this? What did He say at the cross?
- For those who are believers, how long is His sacrifice good for us? Does it expire? Is there any need for us to work for it? Will it have to be renewed?

Verses 16-18

- When will he remember the sins and lawless deed of those who have received the finished work of Jesus?
- If we have received His forgiveness (forgiveness is a release from debt), is there any need for any more sacrifice? Any more work?

Verses 19-25

- Where do we find our confidence? To do what?

- What is the veil? The veil in the temple separated man from the presence of God. It is through the flesh of Jesus by which we obtain entry to God. John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father [except] through Me.’”
- Now that Jesus has made a way, how do we draw near?
- What are we to hold fast?
- How do we stimulate other believers? What are we not to forsake?

Verses 26-31

- If we have received salvation, we are no longer slaves to sin, so when we sin it will be willingly. Remember those passages about patterns of life.
- What kind of punishment is reserved for those who trample Jesus under foot, regarding His blood of the covenant unclean?
- What is a terrifying thing? God is love, can He also be terrifying? There is no such thing as love without judgment. Think about it.

Verses 32-36

- What had happened to them in the former days? Describe the types of persecution in this passage.
- How did they respond?
- But for what did they still have a need?
- What does this have to do with receiving the promise? So, is the promise conditional? Think it through.

Verses 37-39

- How do the righteous live?
- What were some to have professed Christ doing when persecuted?
- What does perseverance and endurance have to do with the soul? What does this mean?
- So, are we saved by just saying a prayer? It is a great paradox. A free gift which costs us everything.
- Is there any application for us?

See you tomorrow.