

Hebrews 7:23-25 The human High Priests were subject (19) to death and so a new High Priest would be ordained. And as we mentioned in the opening of Hebrews, a High Priest was one who mainly represented the people to God and on very few occasions if God communicated a directive they would become a prophet. (Priest: representing the people to God, Prophet: representing God to the people). History has shown the decay of man's morals as generations passed. This was the same for the moral compass of High Priests in Israel. The Good news is that when Jesus took over, at the finished work of the Cross, a new High Priest was installed who was not only eternal but also perfectly pure who vouches for us as being Holy and Righteous before God. Jesus also forever changed the Priest and Prophet status by making the two, one in Himself. Jesus is now 100% Priest and 100% Prophet.

Hebrews 7:26-27 Since Jesus is the forever High Priest the sacrifice that He made on the Cross was a once and for all sacrifice. This is why Moses got in to trouble with God when he struck the symbol rock of living water twice. Jesus was smitten once and from then on all one would need to do is "speak" (confess) to the "Rock" (Jesus Christ).

Hebrews 7:28 A repeat of the imperfect law becoming perfect by Jesus. Hebrews 8:1-6 The tabernacle that God told Moses to make was a picture of God's Tabernacle in Heaven, where Jesus now resides as High Priest. Therefore the tabernacle made in the wilderness, by human hands, became obsolete. And as we've discovered, several times during our Bible study's, when a new covenant comes about the old one is no longer valid. Think of it like a doctor writing new scripts as our body changes. For example the acne medication that we had as a teenager is not interchangeable with our blood pressure medication's as a senior. This is called a new dispensation. (Not to be confused with dispensationalism which is a false religion).

Hebrews 8:7-13 (self explanatory) quoting Jeremiah 31:31-34. Hebrews 9:1-5 a mental picture of the earthly tabernacle. Verse 5 is quite interesting because the author/teacher is saying that the detail put into the tabernacle (Exodus 25-31) are mute now and more important focus needs to be put on Jesus' new covenant.

Hebrews 9:6-7 The one thing that was the same between the (20) old method of continual sacrifices and the new method of one final sacrifice is that they both required the shedding of blood. They both required that something had to die for someone else's sin. It was designed to make us feel ashamed that a spotless living being had to die for our wrong doing! (And in a few verses we will see that "without the shedding of blood it is impossible to please God - Hebrews 9:22). In our case that spotless Lamb led to slaughter was Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 9:8 The Holy Spirit, who talks to people's hearts, gave the people of the 1st Century the conviction that even though they were going through the routine of sacrifices and offerings there was still a disconnect present. In all their "doings" they could only get as far as the curtain that separated the people from God at the entrance of the Holy of Holies.

Hebrews 9:9-10 It had to leave people with the feeling of emptiness, a feeling of not being in the presence of God. Again, I blame that on the people of Moses's day wanting it that way.

Exodus 20:18-21 New International Version

18 When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance 19 and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."

20 Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

21 The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

(No one has seen the face of God (stood face to face) and lived. That's because He is so pure and Holy that it give us the knowledge that we are just dirt in comparison. Israel appreciated someone else approaching God, so they don't have to. Unfortunately most of the unsaved people on earth are convinced of this lie in today's World. And with all lies, the opposite is true. Today God says come as you are and I will show you, Love, Hope and Peace.