

Blood Covenant p 6 “Reformed Worship”

Hebrews 9:1

- These next few verses are getting ready to describe the tabernacle of Moses and the way man worshiped under the first covenant.

Hebrews 9:2-5

- Under the old covenant, Moses was instructed to build a tabernacle that was separated into two compartments: the sanctuary (according to verse 2) and the Holiest of all (according to verse 3).
- Behind the first veil was the sanctuary where the candlesticks and the table of showbread set. It was the job of the priests to go into this part of the tabernacle every day and make sure there was fresh bread and the candlesticks had plenty of oil so they would burn continuously.
- But behind the second veil was the place called the Holiest of all.
 - o This was where the Ark of the Covenant rested with the jar of heavenly mana, Aron’s rod that budded, and the tablets of commandments on the inside and the mercy seat covered by the cherubims on top.
 - o This is where the presence of God showed up in a cloud of glory with great light.
 - o The veil that separated the two compartments represented man’s sins that were not paid for and therefore separated him from the presence of God.

Hebrews 9:6-7

- So once a year on the day of atonement, the high priest only could go behind the veil where the glory of God would manifest to make atonement for his sins and the sins of the people.
- Two things I want you to see from these scriptures:
 - o 1. The High Priest could not go into the holiest of all and experience the glory of God without blood.
 - Blood made the way.
 - Remember that our sins broke a blood covenant, so the only thing God was going to honor in place of our death and punishment was blood.
 - o 2. This was done once a year.
 - The blood shed of an animal was only good for one year of atonement and then it had to be offered again.
 - The blood of animals was a temporary fix to the sin problem.
 - God accepted it in his mercy, but animal’s blood wasn’t going to fix a broken blood covenant between God and man. It was going to take man’s blood. But not any man’s blood, the precious blood of Jesus.

Hebrews 9:8

- As long as Moses' tabernacle was standing and God was manifesting himself behind the veil to the high priest once a year, the way back to the presence of the Father had not been made manifest yet. Or in other words, Jesus hadn't come yet.

Hebrews 9:9-10

- The tabernacle of Moses was a symbol, or it preached of something greater to come.
 - o It preached of a true lamb, Jesus, without spot or blemish that would lay down his life and shed His blood for us and make atonement for all of man's sins so that we could fellowship with and worship in the presence of God.
- But notice that the problem with the ordinances of Moses' tabernacle was that it could not make the worshiper, or the one who followed the ordinances of Moses' tabernacle, perfect as it pertains to the conscious.
 - o God's ultimate goal was to make man free in relation to their conscience.
 - o True freedom and peace can only come with a clear conscience.
 - o You don't have freedom just because you are not locked up. You can be locked up and have freedom if you have a clear conscience.
 - o The Lord reminded me the other day of my childhood. He reminded me that the times that man was probably the happiest and most full of peace was in their childhood when they were not conscious of self, weight, money, the future, mistakes, regrets and so on. The only thing they were conscious of was how it felt to be riding their bike or playing ball with friends and so on.
 - o The problem with Moses' tabernacle under the first covenant was that it could only temporarily cover our sin. The fact that the veil stayed up and animals blood had to keep being offered made man conscious of the fact that they were still sinners.
 - o Imagine how conscious the High Priest was of himself when he went into the presence of God. Imagine how scared He was hoping that He did everything right so that he wouldn't fall over dead.
 - o This is what God was trying to get rid of. He wanted you to be able to come into His presence and worship Him with your conscience free of sin, guilt, and shame.
- Moses' tabernacle was only meant to be temporary until the "time of reformation."
 - o The time of reformation was the death and resurrection of Jesus.
 - o Jesus was going to come and reform worship and make it so that everyone could come into the presence of God free in their conscious of the condemnation of sin.

Hebrews 9:11

- Jesus has become a high priest of the tabernacle in the heavens where the original Holies of Holies dwells.

Hebrews 9:12

- Jesus, our High Priest, and our sacrifice, offered his blood on the altar of the cross and then got up and took that blood into the holiest place of all in the heavens and obtained (past tense) eternal (not temporary) redemption for us.
- Notice the contrast between the worship of the High Priest in Moses' tabernacle and our High Priest Jesus:
 - o The high priest had to offer animal's blood not just for the people but for himself in order to go into the presence of God. But Jesus offered his own blood and not for himself but for the sins of the whole world.
 - This means that what Jesus did was completely free of any selfish motives. He was already pure. What He did was completely for us.
 - o The high priest had to offer the blood of an animal over and over every year because it only bought temporary redemption for the people. But Jesus offered his blood once and obtained eternal redemption.
 - The blood of Jesus was not a temporary fix until the next time you mess up. It was an eternal fix that never had to be offered again.

Hebrews 9:13-14

- The blood of Jesus reformed worship and accomplished the main thing that God wanted to accomplish. The blood of Jesus finally gave man true freedom which was freedom in their conscience.
 - o The blood has purged man's conscience from dead works or sin.
 - o Because of the blood of Jesus, man no longer has to be sin conscious anymore which means that they can come to the presence of God with peace and without fear. They can live their life without guilt, shame, or condemnation. They can live secure in the fact that they are the righteousness of God and that is never going to change because the shed blood of Jesus has once and for all paid for our unrighteousness. We can live in peace knowing that God will never leave us or forsake us because of the blood.
 - o The continuous shedding of animal's blood in the tabernacle, the yearly offering of blood by the high priest on the Day of Atonement and the veil that always hung in the tabernacle was a constant reminder of the fact that we were sinners and made us conscious of our sin and separation from the Father.
 - o But the fact that Jesus died once and took his blood into the Holies of Holies one time and then sat down on the right hand of God is a constant reminder that we

are the righteousness of God and makes us conscious of how perfect we are through the shed blood of Jesus.

- We are so perfect that He sat down on the right hand of God and never has to come back again to shed any more blood.

Hebrews 10:19

- Just like the High Priest didn't come into the presence of God without blood, I don't either. Only my blood is the blood of Jesus.
 - An eternal sacrifice. Not a temporary sacrifice.
- Boldness: this word is translated from a Greek word that means freedom in speaking, unreservedness in speech, free and fearless confidence, cheerful courage, boldness, and assurance.
 - I should be coming into the presence of God with this kind of boldness, and I can because of the blood.
- Remember true freedom happens in the conscience.
 - We are not coming into the presence of God unreserved and bold because we are coming conscious of sin instead of conscious of the blood.
 - I'm saying to you that you need to be blood conscious instead of sin conscious.
 - Some of you are coming to God like the veil is still up.
 - When you come to God sin conscious, it's because you are trying to enter through your works. But worship has been reformed and now you enter in through the blood or in other words, the works of Jesus.
 - The devil, who is the accuser of the brethren, when he accuses you of sin and starts to remind you of mistakes, start reminding him of the blood.
 - Refuse to be anything else but blood conscious because the only way into the presence of God is the blood.
- Hebrews 12:22-24
 - This is contrasting when the people first came to God under the law in Moses' ministry and us coming to God under grace.
 - We have come to the blood of sprinkling that has made atonement for us so that we can come freely into His presence and receive.
 - Not like in Moses' day when they came to the mountain and were killed and where afraid.
 - V24 - The blood of Jesus speaks of better things than that of Abel.
 - Abel's blood spoke (Gen 4:10)
 - The blood of Abel when He was murdered even though He was innocent, cried out justice.
 - But when Jesus was murdered as an innocent man, His blood cried out justified.
 - Abel needed somebody to die in vengeance of his death, but Jesus was dying for us.

- In the presence of God, in the throne room right now, the blood is speaking on our behalf and saying justified. You need to quit listening to the devil and start listening to the blood. When the devil says stay down, the blood is saying get back up. When the devil is saying you've lost it, the blood is saying you're still anointed with His gifts and calling is without repentance. When the devil is saying you will never accomplish it, the blood is saying you are anointed just like Jesus. When the devil is reminding you of your past, the blood is saying it's covered and forgotten. When He is making you fear failure in the future, the blood is saying it will never be imputed unto you, it's already paid for.