THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS CHRIST - THE ONE AND ONLY

The supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ. A theology of redemption, atonement and ministry of the Promised messiah

Hebrews 9:1-10

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"How Can You Know IF You're Right?" - Part 2

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest. In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the law, being centrality of those ministries.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

rest, hope, promises, oaths, immutability, blessings. Gods' faithfulness.

"How Can You Know IF You're Right?"

| 1.) Know how to ask the right questions | vs. 7-8 |
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| 2.) Know what answers are available to you | vs. 9 |
| 3.) Know that there is only one road | vs. 10 |
| 4.) Know the God of answers | vs. 11-12 |

As we now approach Hebrews Chapter 9

We open up this portion of scripture – with the continued argument that started back in Chapter 7 and that is *"That Jesus Christ and His priesthood is greater than all other priesthoods that has ever existed"* including the priesthood after the order of Aaron and the Levitical line of priests as found in the Bible – *because Jesus is a priest forever.*

John 20:31

but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

This powerful but obvious truth should bring great comfort to you - the follower of Jesus Christ – and for good reason....

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures (Old Testament) might have hope.

Psalm 40:7 Then I said, *"Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me*.

Hebrews 10:5-7

Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: *"Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.* 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, *"Behold, I have come - In the volume of the book it is written of Me – to do Your will, O God.' "*

Jesus reminded Israel's hollowed out and empty priesthood,

John 5:36-40

But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish - the very works that I do - bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. 37 And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form 38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. 39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

So let's stand for the reading of God's Word

Hebrews 9:1-10

Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. 2 For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; 3 and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, 4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; 5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. 6 Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. 7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; 8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. 9 It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience - 10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

"How Can You Know IF You're Right?"

5.) Because a map was given us to know the way

vs. 1-2a

Hebrews 9:1-2

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The First Covenant had Ordinances.

| Covenant | grk: protos / heb: baal berith | |
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| covenant | first agreement, in importance (i.e. this is where you start) | |
| | the first man or the first of its kind, the one that leads or begins first before the | |
| | other comes. | |
| | first in the sense that there is a last yet to come and not a first as in many, but one remains. the first and the last make up God's revelation to man. | |
| Ordinances | grk: dikaioma | |
| | a statement of acquittal or release from the condemnation, an act of | |
| | righteousness, an act of justification based on the offering of another. a personal offering cannot be accepted. | |
| Service | grk: atreia | |
| | worship that is directed at or upon God. worship is an act of service and service is | |
| | an act of worship based upon a mutual relationship between God and man by | |
| | inseparable terms. | |
| | Romans 12:1-2 ESV | |
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I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual (reasonable, practical) worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

| Sanctuary | grk: hagion root word of hagios meaning a place or position (worldview) of being sanctified or in a religious awe, that which is sacred, holy, dedicated, or saintly. |
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| Tabernacle | grk: skene |

a humble dwelling or tent. irrespective of its grandeur or how ornate something may be here on earth, at its best it is limited due to its humiliation, or better, its humble-state of origins. whatever we can build for God here on earth with earthly efforts, and earthly tools and earthly resources – it can only be at its best dedicated to God because it is limited by its nature - humble.

Prepared grk: kataskeuazo

put together, built, constructed. noting that all earthly construction has been tainted by man's involvement.

He is preparing you a place.

John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

And He is preparing you a person.

Ephesians 2:20-22

having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

1 Peter 2:4-5

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

The Ancient Map of God are The Scriptures that guide us toward one absolute destination.

"Follow the map to the treasure and at its end is glory"

Jeremiah 6:16-17

Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.' 17 Also, I set watchmen over you, saying, "Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' but they said, 'We will not listen.'

"God has dramatically displayed in His historical record that there is a way to find forgiveness and cleansing and renewal and restoration and forgiveness and reconciliation, but it is only available through His prescribed path."

There Is No Other Way!

"How Can You Know IF You're Right?"

6.) Because that which was, points forward to the future

vs. 2b

the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary;

The Tabernacle of Moses was composed of three parts, (1) the Courtyard, (2) the Holy Place, and (3) the Most Holy Place (Holy of Holies) which housed the Ark of the Covenant.

The Tabernacle was just over 150' long and 75' wide and was portable in the wilderness.

We know from Leviticus that it took about 8,000 people to be the set-up and tear-down ministry as the LORD would lead them.

The First Part - this refers to the Holy Place.

at 15 feet wide and 30 feet long. The Holy Place housed **the Altar of Incense**, **the Lampstand**, and **the Table of Showbread**.

This area was holy because of its proximity to the Ark of the Covenant and God's

presence.

The Lampstand - this speaks of the Presence of God.

According to Jewish tradition claims it was about 5 feet high, 3'6" wide. The Lampstand was made of Gold and was in the form of a Menorah with three branches from each side.

Revelation 1:9-13

I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." 12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man.

Exodus 25:37

Make seven lamps and set them up on the lampstand (here comes the why for) so that they illuminate the area in front of it.

The Table – this speaks to the order of God.

Exodus 25:23

Approximately 36 inches long / By 18 inches wide / By 27 inches tall

The Showbread – this speaks of the life-giving grace of God. Leviticus 24:5-9

John 6:30-35

Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." 35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger,

The Sanctuary – This has a Multi-Faceted Application

Sanctuary

grk: hagion

root word of hagios meaning a place or position of being sanctified or in religious awe, that which is sacred, holy, dedicated, or saintly.

Exodus 25:8

And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

John 14:16-18

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you

End of Study

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