



Jesus's Better Sacrifice and His Better Sanctuary

Lesson Thirty-One • Hebrews 9:23-28

BETTER MEDIATOR Like Melchizedek 7:1-28	BETTER MINISTRY in Heaven 8:1-6	BETTER COVENANT with Better Promises 8:7-13	BETTER SANCTUARY Not Made by Man 9:1-14	BETTER SACRIFICE Himself Once for All Time 9:15-28	BETTER PERFECTION by Christ's Sacrifice 10:1-18
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ENTERS the Holy of Holies to **SIT & SERVE** as a **SON** Made Perfect Forever to be a **PRIEST KING** with a Better Ministry **according to** a Better Covenant **in** a Better Sanctuary **by** a Better Sacrifice **for** a Better Perfection!

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- MAKES** Him the **MEDIATOR** of the New Covenant. (v. 15a)
- CLEANSSES** Sins Under the Broken Old Covenant. (v. 15b)
- SATISFIES** the Death Curse Under the Old Covenant. (vv. 16-22)

- Death is the **CONSEQUENCE** of breaking a blood covenant. (vv. 16-17)
- All the shed and sprinkled blood under the Old Covenant was a continual a **REMINDER** that without a sacrificial death there is no forgiveness. (vv. 18-22; Exodus 24:1-8)

Blood Was Shed and Sprinkled Everywhere Under the Old Covenant

- Covenant **MEMBERS**: *Moses sprinkled blood on the Book of the Law and on the people.* (9:18–20)
- Covenant **MINISTRY**: *Moses sprinkled blood on the tabernacle and all the worship utensils.* (9:21)

All Things Must Someday Be Cleansed by Blood or There Is No Forgiveness!

God Himself will **COMPLETE** what He commanded through Christ just as He promised to do in the Abrahamic Covenant!

"The Old Covenant sailed on a sea of blood, for two vast reasons. First, to emphasize the seriousness of sin. The Bible takes sin seriously, more than any other religion. Sin alienates one from God. Sin is rooted in the hearts of humanity. Sin cannot be vindicated by any self-help program. Sin leads to death—and it will not be denied. The second reason is the costliness of forgiveness. Death is the payment. It will either be Christ's life or ours!" – R. Kent Hughes

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- Jesus' Better Sacrifice PURIFIES** the Pathway into the Heavenly Sanctuary.

"Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;" (vv. 23-24)

Problem: Why does the heavenly sanctuary need cleansing?

Solution: Four basic solutions are suggested.

- CONSECRATION/INAUGURATION** not actual purification of the heavenly sanctuary.
- SALVATION/SANCTIFICATION** of Christians as the spiritual temple and dwelling place of God.
- ILLUSTRATION** to describe the very presence of God in typological or metaphorical language.
- PURIFICATION** of the heavenly sanctuary in terms of cleansing a heavenly pathway into God's holy presence for Christians who "perfected" but still sinners in need of grace and mercy (4:16).
 - Sees the heavenly sanctuary as an *actual place* in heaven.
 - Takes the word for *purification/cleansing* with its ordinary meaning.

Jesus' Better Sacrifice in Relation to...		
9:15-22	9:23-28	10:1-18
the Better Covenant Again!	the Better Sanctuary Again!	the Results of His Better Sacrifice: Perfection of His Waiting Worshipers!

- Emphasizes the *cosmic impact of sin* where even entry into God's presence requires a blood sacrifice not to cleanse God *but entry into His presence and heavenly throne room!*
- Points to *how much a pathway into God's presence must be made pure* for even *perfected sinners* like us to enter boldly into God's presence to worship and seek help in time of need.

Christ enters the heavenly sanctuary in His crucified, resurrected, and now glorified human body to purify the pathway into the heavenly sanctuary and appear in God's presence for us!

2. Jesus' Better Sacrifice COMPLETED His Priestly Sacrifice Once for All Time.

- 7:27** who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the *sins* of the people, because this He did **once for all** when He offered up Himself.
- 9:7** but into the second, only the high priest *enters once a year*, not without *taking* blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.
- 9:12** and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place **once for all**, having obtained eternal redemption.
- 9:26** Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but **now once** at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. **27** And inasmuch as it is appointed for **men to die once** and after this comes judgment, **28** so Christ also, having been **offered once to bear the sins of many**, will appear a **second time for salvation** without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.
- 10:2** Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having **once been cleansed**, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?
- 10:10** By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**.

- Christ entered the heavenly sanctuary **ONCE** and sat down because the sacrifice of His own blood was sufficient once for all time. (vv. 25-26)

"nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself." (vv. 25-26)

1. Christ did not have to repeatedly sacrifice Himself since the **FOUNDATION** of the world. (vv. 25-26a)
2. Instead, Christ has now died once to deal with sin for all time at the **CONSUMMATION/COMPLETION** of the ages. (v. 26b)

- Christ died **ONCE** to bear the sins of many to appear a **SECOND** time for those who are eagerly waiting for Him! (vv. 27-28)

"And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him." (vv. 27-28)

1. Every human is destined to die once and then face God's **JUDGMENT**. (v. 27)
2. Christ has died once as the sinless substitute for sinners but will appear again to save. (v. 28; Isaiah 53:4-6)

*"For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, **those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.**" Hebrews 9:15*

Life is SHORT! Death is CERTAIN! Are You READY and WAITING with a PERSEVERING, OBEDIENT FAITH in CHRIST?

Christ **appeared on earth in the past** to deal with sin once for all on the cross! (v. 24)

Christ **appears in heaven in the present**, having entered once for all as the eternal Priest-King and all-sufficient sacrifice! (v. 26)

Christ **will appear again on earth from heaven in the future** to save those waiting with persevering faith and to judge all sinners! (v. 28)