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RECAP:	<p>So Last week we talked about verses 4-5 of Hebrews 9.</p> <p>— We saw that the things in the Holy of Holies were things that point us to Jesus Christ.</p> <p>— — We saw that all the things in the Ark of the Covenant were to point us to God’s amazing redemptive power.</p> <p>— — — We saw that Jesus is the element of God’s great redemptive power.</p> <p>— — — — Jesus keeps God’s people alive, Jesus brings a new covenant with us and God, Jesus sustains God’s people, and Jesus reveals the love of God.</p> <p>— — — — — As Jesus is the element that God uses to achieve His redemptive power, we are the evidences of God’s great acts.</p>
INTRODUCTION:	<p>Today we will talk about the uses of the items in the Temple.</p> <p>— We will also look at our use to God.</p> <p>— — We will see the frequency of worship that went on in the Old Testament temple and see if the New Testament temple is as worshipful as the Old Testament temple.</p> <p>— — — We will look at the difference between unintentional sin and intentional sin.</p> <p>— — — — We will see if both are forgiven.</p>
Passage Begins	

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<p>Hebrews 9:1–10 (NASB95): 1 Now even the first covenant had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary.</p> <p>2 For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place.</p> <p>3 Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies,</p> <p>4 having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron’s rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant;</p> <p>5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.</p> <p>6 Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the divine worship,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>8 The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing,</p> <p>9 which is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience,</p> <p>10 since they relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.</p>	<p>Verses 6-10 speak of the priestly duties in the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies.</p> <p>— So we see that when the things in verses 2-5 were made and put in place then the priests would perform their duties.</p> <p>— — What can we take from this? These ornate things in the temple of God were not just for show but they were designed for constant use in service of God.</p> <p>— — — Now, if we are the temple of God: (READ: 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NASB95): 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.), then we should not be ornate things that just sit there but we should be used in the service of God.</p> <p>— — — — READ: 1 Peter 4:8–11 (NASB95): 8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint. 10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.</p> <p>— — — — READ: Colossians 3:23–24 (NASB95): 23 Whatever you do, do your work <u>heartily</u>, as for the Lord rather than for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.</p> <p>— — — — — Do you know what that word ‘heartily’ means?</p>

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	<p>Col. 3:23 is a verse that we all most likely have heard but what does that word ‘heartily’ mean?</p> <p>—“Whatever you do, do your work ‘heartily’ as for the Lord.”</p> <p>— — Heartily means: with your breath, the soul, heart, life, mind, inner self.</p> <p>— — — So, what the verse is saying, “whatever you do, put your heart, inner self, soul, or life into the work, not for man; but for God.</p> <p>— — — — Now if I were you, I would make the argument that Paul is only talking to slaves here, but if you did make that argument I would ask you to explain:</p> <p>— — — — — <u>READ: 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NASB95):</u> 31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.</p> <p>— — — — — <u>READ: Colossians 3:17 (NASB95):</u> 17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.</p> <p>— — — — — Now, if whatever we do should be done for the glory of God, and if we are to do all things in the name of the Lord, then, serving God with your breath, soul, heart, life, mind, and inner self is not far fetched.</p>

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	<p>The first point we have just looked at is that we need to be useful in the service of God.</p> <p>— Not just kind of useful but we need to serve with our lives.</p> <p>— — “But Jeremy that is going to take a lot of time, and I won’t be able to do the things I want to do.” GOOD!!!!</p> <p>— — — See for some reason we don’t like to acknowledge the, “Or do you not know.....that you are not your own....You have been bought with a price.”</p> <p>— — — — This does not mean that you can’t do anything for yourself; don’t hear me say that.</p> <p>— — — — — This just means that our service for God should be what dominates our lives.</p> <p>— — — — — — “How do I do that Jeremy, when I work all day?” <u>READ: Colossians 3:22–23 (NASB95):</u> 22 Slaves (or employees), in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,</p> <p>— — — — — — — Don’t forget, the service of God can look different than what we think about the priests doing in the temple. It can be your normal work just done with all your heart for God not for man.</p> <p>— — — — — — — — <u>READ: Hebrews 13:15–16</u> (NASB95): 15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. 16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.</p>

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	<p>It says that these things were ‘performed’ which could also be translated accomplished or completed.</p> <p>— This is an interesting thought because it is completed or completely finished.</p> <p>— — Sometimes we don’t even start the daily worship of God, let alone finish it.</p> <p>— — — <u>READ: 2 Corinthians 7:1 (NASB95):</u></p> <p>1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting (or completely finishing) holiness in the fear of God.</p> <p>— — — — We will not pursue holiness if we are not daily pursuing God, we will not cleanse ourselves if we neglect worshipping God daily.</p> <p>— — — — — We have said for years that this life is not about you or me; it is about Christ. Here is how to practically make it about Christ and not ourselves. Who will daily engage in the worship of God, pursuing holiness, cleansing yourself of defilement, and being lit by the work of God so your steps are directed by Him?</p>

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	<p>Wow! That is harsh isn't it? Yes!!! It is harsh, but what does it teach us about God's view of sin; especially willful defiant sin?</p> <p>— READ: Isaiah 59:2 (NASB95): 2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.</p> <p>— READ: 1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NASB95): know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.</p> <p>— — God does not like sin and unrighteousness. He keeps those that pursue these things from the kingdom of God.</p> <p>— — — So, what about Christian's who willfully sin? What happens to them?</p>

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	<p>Well much like the Old Testament believers, New Testament believers' way back is through faith, repentance, and fall at the mercy of God through Christ.</p> <p>—Let's look at the man after God's own heart; David.</p> <p>— —David willfully sinned when he took Bathsheba, Uriah the Hittite's wife and slept with her.</p> <p>— — —Psalms 51 was written by David after Nathan came and told him that he had willfully sinned against God.</p> <p>— — — —<u>READ: Psalm 51:16 (NASB95): 16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering.</u></p> <p>— — — — —David did not bring God a sacrifice because he knew God would not accept that kind of sacrifice; God wanted more. So what did God want?</p> <p>— — — — — —<u>READ: Psalm 51:1–3 (NASB95): Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me.</u></p> <p>— — — — — — —David pleaded for mercy, “be grievous to me, O God.”, asked for compassion and forgiveness, “blot out my transgressions.”, David asked for cleansing, “wash me thoroughly.”</p> <p>— — — — — — —David was not done there: <u>READ: Psalm 51:17 (NASB95): 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.</u></p> <p>— — — — — — — —This is a return to faith that David needed. He had lost his way and had become the ruler of his own heart and world.</p> <p>— — — — — — — — —David knew what he should do; hand his life back to God to do with as He pleases, not for David to do what he wanted.</p>

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	<p>So, what is our practical application? How do we apply this to our lives?</p> <p>—Be useful for the kingdom of God. No one’s job is to just sit there, but we all have purpose and work to do. Are you doing the work that God has created you to do?</p> <p>— —In your work that you do for God, are you doing it will all of yourself or are you doing it begrudgingly, half-heartedly, or not at all?</p> <p>— — —How is your daily worship of God? Are you worshiping Him daily? Twice a day? Only on Sundays?</p> <p>— — — —We need to be worshiping the God of the universe more.</p> <p>— — — — —Have you lost your way and started willfully embracing deliberate sin? Are you making plans to sin? Are you scheduling it?</p> <p>— — — — — —In our sins, we need to come to God in repentance, submit to God through Jesus, and return to faith (believing that God is who He says He is and will do what He said He will do).</p>
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