

Friday, March 9, 2018

Final Sacrifice – [Hebrews 9:11-28](#)

He entered the most holy place once for all, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:12

As we wrap up a cursory overview of the Old Testament foreshadowing and prophecies of the cross, let us look at how Hebrews addresses these scriptures. The book of Hebrews is (in my opinion) a sermon which addresses the supremacy of Jesus above all else.

Beginning in the first chapter, the sermon declares that Jesus is greater than the angels, greater than Moses, greater than the priests, greater than Melchizedek, greater than the tabernacle and temple, and His covenant is greater than the first covenant. Then, in chapter 9, the sacrifice of Christ is compared to the sacrifices of sheep and goats as prescribed by the Law in the Old Testament.

These Old Testament sacrifices are called “copies” of the sacrifice provided by Jesus. They are presented in an earthly temple while Jesus is presented in the throne room of heaven. Animals must be sacrificed every year, offering only a temporal sacrifice. Jesus died once and for all, satisfying the wrath of God against sin and purifying consciences to serve the living God.

The sacrificial system taught through the Old Testament Law always pointed to THE sacrifice that God Himself would provide through the Christ. The first sacrifice was temporal, earthly, and a mere copy of what was to come. Jesus’ sacrifice was eternal, heavenly, and more excellent than any and every offering that could be presented to God.

Today, thank God that Jesus is still the more excellent sacrifice. Jesus declared, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). *This Sunday, join us as we learn to use “The 3 Circles” presentation to tell others the good news about Jesus.*