

New Covenant Perfections Hebrews 9:11-28 Lesson 11

Background Information

Under Old Testament law, sin could technically be expiated (God's anger appeased by substitution) only by bloodshed. The service of the Levitical priest obtained a limited, recurring, symbolic type of redemption. If the earthly sanctuary could be dedicated only by blood, so also the heavenly sanctuary. It was necessary for the "heavenly sanctuary" to be purified by a perfect sacrifice. Only the perfect blood of Christ could shed His blood for the permanent remission of sin. For *without shedding of blood there is no remission*. (9:22)

The author has shown that the Old Testament anticipated a *better* New Covenant. He now sets forth the superiority of Christ's service as Mediator of the New Covenant. The "eternal" priesthood of one like "Melchizedek" was not based on temporary annual sacrifices that needed to be repeated year after year. His eternal priesthood is perpetuated by a once-for-all, finished sacrifice on the cross.

Christ appeared in the past for our salvation (v.26), a present appearing (v.24) for our sanctification and there remains a future appearing for our glorification (v.28).



LOOKING FOR GOLD - WHAT DOES IT SAY?

The first step in mining for gold is getting the lay of the land. **Carefully observe the text** looking to see where you might dig to find hidden treasure. **Mark your text** looking for repeated words, contrasts or similarities. Look for answers to, Who? What? When? Where? Why or How?

Setting the scene: You may want to begin your reading with Lev. 17:11, 2 Cor. 3:7-18,

Hebrews 9:11-15

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.



Digging Deeper

Dig deeper using other resources such as a dictionary, concordance, maps & cross-references. Notate where you found it to share with the group. Look for commands to obey or questions to be answered. What does God want you to know about Himself?

Hebrews 9:16-22

16 For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. 18 Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." 21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.



Hebrews 9:23-28

23 Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another — 26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. 27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.





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	BOILING IT DOWN – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
5	What lesson can I draw from my observations? State each lesson in a simple sentence (aim for 10 words or less).
Hebrews 9:11–15	

Hebrews 9:16-22_____

Hebrews 9:23-28_____



REFINED AS GOLD - HOW CAN I APPLY IT?

How should it change me? Ask yourself, "What **course of action** do I need to take to apply each lesson?" (aim for 10 words or less)

Hebrews 9:11–15_____ Hebrews 9:16-22_____

Hebrews 9:23-28____

<u>CHALLENGE</u>: Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.



What was the limit of the O. T. sacrifices?

What are some reasons Christ's sacrifice is *better*?

What words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.

<u>CHECKING FOR CLARITY</u>: See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

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BARS OF GOLD: State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

FLEX YOUR MUSCLES: Can you discover an O.T. example of this N.T. truth?

HIDE YOUR TREASURE IN YOUR HEART

For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Matthew 26:28

Radiating His Truth . . .

The blood that purchased your eternal redemption came not from **unwilling** animals but from the Son of God who **willingly** laid down His life for you. - warren Wiersbe

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