

Sunday, November 11, 2018  
Hebrews 9:11-14, 24-28  
Theme: "DWELLINGS-VICTORY"

### (THE ANCIENT CHURCH)

The strongest argument of the epistle of Hebrews involves the ancient tradition of the church...

First-century Jewish Christians were confronted with the anguish of having given up long-held godly traditions...

They gave-up what they knew only to experience increased persecution and unfulfilled promises...

Jesus had not yet returned, and therefore there was no apparent indication that His return and the restoration of Israel would ever occur...

The people were simply tired of WAITING...

They felt like they were waiting in vain because the first generation of Christians had passed, and Israel was still unsaved...

### (SUSPICIOUS)

Therefore, many of them became suspicious of Jesus...

There was a high degree of distrust because the answer to their anguish was delay...

\*So, the Book of Hebrews is an exhortation to Jewish Christians to hold fast to their faith in Jesus Christ...

That even though our answers may be delayed, Jesus will fix it for us...

I want you to know that holding fast to our faith is very important...

In times like these we need to hold on to the faith we affirm in God without wavering (Hebrews 10:23...)

In times like these we need to hold on to the faith we affirm in God because He can be trusted to keep His promises (Hebrews 10:23...)

### (CONSISTENT EXISTENCE)

Throughout the epistle, the writer stresses the consistent existence and steady flow between OT revelation and the new faith in Jesus Christ...

### (SUPERIORITY OF JESUS & NEW COVENANT)

At the same time, the emphasis remains on the superiority of both Jesus Christ and His New Covenant...

For example, verses 1-10 tell the story of the old earthly worship...

#### (DAY OF ATONEMENT)

Once a year the high priest, on the day of Attonement, sprinkled the "mercy seat" with blood of sacrificial animals...

According to the Hebrew Bible, the mercy seat was a gold removable cover placed on the Ark of the Covenant...

It is believed that this space was the place into which God would appear...

The sins of the people were transferred to the animal that was later slain...

These acts were regulations and earthly sacrifices to cleanse the flesh...

#### (COMPARISON & CONTRAST)

Beginning at verse 11, we read of the comparison and contrast between that kind of earthly worship and heavenly worship...

Words such as GREATER, BETTER, PERFECT, and HEAVENLY, are used...

#### (BIBLICAL HERITAGE & VALUE)

By so-doing, the writer assures the Jewish Christians of the biblical heritage and value contained in the New Covenant...

\*The New Covenant is Greater than and Better than the old...

\*The New Covenant is more Perfect than the old...

\*The New Covenant is Heavenly...

\*And I am glad that there is a more perfect temple and sacrifice (11...)

#### (ETERNAL REDEMPTION)

Therefore, Jesus' blood has obtained our eternal redemption once and for all, compared to repeated animal sacrifices (12...)

If unclean animal blood was used for purifying the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Jesus Christ (13-14)

And so it is time to set things right, to inaugurate a new covenant by Jesus Christ...

The challenge, therefore, is for us to run with endurance the race that is set before us (12:1...)

And while we run, there are words of encouragement, comfort, but also words of warning...

### (SUPERFICIALLY)

We should stop thinking superficially about Jesus considering the work He did on Calvary's Cross for us...

Instead, we should think about the person and work of Jesus Christ...

Animal sacrifice is no longer necessary after Jesus' death on the Cross...

Jesus is now both High Priest and the Sacrificial Lamb (12...)

The example here is that our sins and punishment are transferred to Jesus..

### (HEAVENLY CLEANSING)

There has been a heavenly cleansing by Jesus' sacrifice, which is the uniqueness of His sacrifice...

The uniqueness of this new heavenly sacrifice operates on a spiritual level..

### (SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' BLOOD)

Therefore, we should consider the significance of Jesus' sacrifice (blood) for us...

\*His blood is meant to purify our conscious from dead works to worship and service (14...)

\*His blood is meant to impact how we live (dwell) from day to day (24...)

\*His blood is meant to encourage us to learn how to live (dwell) as a redeemed and victorious people...

\*His blood is meant to teach us how to tell a victorious story...

\*We are triumphant because of Jesus' blood...

\*His blood should remind us that we are free; He paid it all in full at Calvary...

\*His blood offers healing...

\*His blood offers reconciliation...

\*His blood offers hope & joy...

\*His blood offers peace & love..

\*His blood offers grace & mercy...

### (VICTORY)

\*Jesus, the sinless and spotless Lamb of God...

\*Jesus, the King and High Priest...

\*Jesus, the blameless and unstained Son of God, has won the VICTORY for us...

\*He is given the highest honor in heaven...

At the sound of His name, every knee shall bow...

At the sound of that name, every tongue shall confess that He is Lord to the honor and glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:10...)

Jesus has won the victory for us...

Today we can celebrate that victory through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ...

Amen!