

## 1 Hebrews: a Bible Study

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## 2 How should we understand the Bible?

1. *Deuteronomy 28:30-31,35*
2. *Deuteronomy 21:18-21*
3. *Deuteronomy 25:11-12*
4. *Leviticus 19:19,28*
5. *Leviticus 25:44-46*
6. *Leviticus 21:17-24*
7. *Numbers 22.28-29*
8. *2 Kings 2:23-25*
9. *Luke 3:11*
10. *I Corinthians 14:34*
11. *I Corinthians 11:6,14,15*

## 3 3 ways of understanding the OT

- IGNORE: All the History, Prophetic, Teaching, Wisdom of the Old Testament as out of date and not relevant to today.
- TYPES AND PICTURES: The Old testament is truth. But that truth is all symbolism, picture, types of the New Testament.
- REVELATION: All the Old Testament is man's struggle with an unchanging God.
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## 4 Worship of the Hebrews

- Patriarchal
- Tabernacle
- 1<sup>st</sup> temple built by Soloman
- Persian Captivity
  - Damage to the temple
  - Start of the Synagogue
  - Temple Rebuilt by Ezra
- Herod's temple
  - Built around the existing buildings
  - Much bigger
  - Separations
    - Area for the Gentiles
    - Area for the Hebrew Women
    - Area for the Hebrew Men
    - Area for the Priests
    - Area only for the Hgh Priest

## 5 Hebrews 9:1-7

- Specifically about the Tabernacle
- First covenant
  - Regulations for worship
  - Earthy Sanctuary
- First area – Court of Meeting
  - Altar – Burning Sacrafices
  - Laver - water for washing
- Holy Place - Separated by a curtain
  - Lampstand
  - Table and bread
  - Incense burner
- Holy of Holies
  - Golden altar of incense
  - Ark of the Covenant
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#### 6 **The way to worship was limited**

- Tabernacle requirements
  - No gentiles at all
  - No Jewish women
  - Jewish men only if they were circumcised in the Meeting Place
  - Aaron and his sons were to be priests allowed in the Holy Place
  - Aaron only and after he died Levi and his sons
    - Only one person could go into the Holy of Holies
      - Once a year
      - Only with blood for self and the people
- A hierarchy of worship
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#### 7 **Hebrews 9:8 – Holy Spirit Speaks**

*"The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the Holy place has not been disclosed, while the outer tabernacle is still standing."*

- The way to worship is not open if the tabernacle and its associated levels of access continues to stand.
- If the existing limitations of worship exist there is no coming to God.
- There was too much of a hierarchy too much separation
- Delegated worship

#### 8 **Hebrews 9:9 – The Tabernacle an Illustration**

This tabernacle *"is a symbol for the present time, Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience."*

- This is a symbol, an Illustration, a comparison, a similitude, image.
- OF how it is now. (Hebrew Christians)
- They had no way of clearing the conscience (guilt) of the person wishing to worship.

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### 9 Hebrews 9:10 Doing stuff does not do it.

The tabernacle and your gifts and sacrifices, *"They relate only to food and drink and various washing, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation."*

- All the doing: blood, fire, incense, ritual, keeping of the dietary restrictions, being circumcised, keeping away from unclean things, were ineffectual for the feelings of guilt.
  - The individual was not free from guilt
  - The individual was filled with guilt that kept them from worship
- UNTIL the time of the new Order, the Reformation

### 10 Timeline of reformation

- First half of verse 9
  - The symbolic present time: temple – gifts – sacrifices- ritual
  - Are all relevant to the Hebrew people until the TIME of reformation
    - Reformation NASB, Vulgate
    - New order NIV, TNIV, Moffatt
    - Rectification Greek
      - Setting things straight
      - Put in the rightful place
      - In the right condition
    - Restoration from something that does not meet the need

### 11 Hebrews 9 – Transition from Old to New

#### 12 Hebrews 9

- Jesus the end of the present time
- Jesus was beginning of the reformation
- How do we draw near to God?
  - What keeps us from worship.
    - Forgiveness... (Last Week – Intercession)
    - Conscience, (Guilt that will not go away)

#### 13 The How of Worship

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- Brothers, when you feel apart from God, first look for unconfessed sin
- Second, If it is not a sin problem then it is a conscious problem
- The answer to the second is same as the first plead the blood of Christ.
  - Only he can do it in this reformation time.

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