

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS: THE DAY OF ATONEMENT
HEBREWS 9:1-14

INTRODUCTION:

1. The book of Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is on our side and is always there to help us when we are struggling. (Heb. 13.22)
2. Hebrews 9 encourages us to remain faithful to Jesus, because it is only through Jesus that forgiveness is possible.
3. The emphasis of Hebrews 9 is blood. (Heb. 9.7,12-14,18-22,25)
4. This is a chapter that tells us that our broken relationship with God is repaired through the blood of Jesus. (Heb. 9.10; 10.14,17)

I. THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

- A. There is a place: The tabernacle. (Heb. 9.1)
 1. The first part is the sanctuary. (Heb. 9.2)
 2. The second part is the *“Holiest of All.”* (Heb. 9.3-5)
- B. There is a person: The high priest. (Heb. 9.6,7)
 1. **HEBREWS 9.6:** *“the priests...went into the first part.”*
 2. **HEBREWS 9.7:** *“into the second part the high priest went alone once a year.”*
- C. There is a process: The shedding of blood.
 1. **HEBREWS 9.7:** *“not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people’s sins”*
 2. **HEBREWS 9.8,9:** *“It was symbolic for the present time.”* Symbolic (parabole): It was a parable. (Heb. 10.4)
 3. **HEBREWS 9.10:** These things were *“imposed until the time of reformation.”*

II. THE TIME OF REFORMATION

- A. There is a place: Heaven.
 1. **HEBREWS 9.11:** *“the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands”*
 2. **HEBREWS 9.24:** *“into heaven itself”*
- B. There is a person: Jesus Christ.
 1. **HEBREWS 9.11:** *“But Christ came as High Priest”*
 2. This is the main point of Hebrews. (Heb. 2.17; 8.1)
- C. There is a process: Shedding of blood. (Heb. 9.12-14)
 1. **HEBREWS 9.12:** *“with His own blood”*
 2. **HEBREWS 9.14:** *“the blood of Christ...cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”*

CONCLUSION: Because of His blood, we are at one with God.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM

LOVE FULFILLS THE LAW

Love is more than just words. The apostle John wrote, *“Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth”* (1 John 3.8). How do we demonstrate our love for God?

Jesus answered that question when He said, *“If you love Me, keep My commandments”* (John 15.13). To this John agrees who wrote, *“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments”* (1 John 5.3). Even Jesus showed His love for the Father by His obedience (John 14.31).

Furthermore, when we love, we fulfill the entire law of God. When Jesus revealed that the two greatest commands are to love God and love your neighbor, He said, *“On these two commands hang all the Law and the Prophets”* (Matt. 22.40). When we examine the Ten Commandments we discover that they can be grouped into two categories: Those that relate to God (Ex. 19.1-11), and those that relate to man (Ex. 19.12-17). The command of God is to love. And the commandments of God tell us how to love Him and how to love our neighbor.

As Paul provided a sampling of the commandments, he wrote, *“and if there is any other commandment, all are summed up in this saying, namely, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”* (Rom. 13.8-10). If we want to be pleasing to God, then the command is simple – Love! CLP

“UNEQUALLY YOKED TOGETHER”

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14

INTRODUCTION:

1. Most people would rather blend in with the crowd than be separated from them and seen as different. (1 Cor. 4.9)
2. **2 CORINTHIANS 6.14-18:** “unequally yoked together” (heterozugeo) Literally, bound together with someone different.

I. EXAMINING THE CONTEXT

- A. Achaia was the southern region of Greece where Paul traveled frequently. (1 Thess. 1.7,8)
- B. Corinth was the location of the temple of Venus.
 1. Sexuality was part of the worship practices and described the background of the brethren. (1 Cor. 6.9-11)
 2. Eating meat sacrificed to idols was a common practice which provoked warnings from Paul. (1 Cor. 8.10)

II. EXPLAINING THE MEANING

- A. Can Christians have relationships with unbelievers?
 1. **1 CORINTHIANS 5.9-13:** Christians can keep company with those who are unbelievers.
 2. **1 CORINTHIANS 7.12-16:** Christians can be married to those who are unbelievers.
 3. **1 CORINTHIANS 10.14-22:** Christians cannot have fellowship with worldly practices.
 4. **1 CORINTHIANS 10.27-30:** Christians can socialize and share a meal with unbelievers.
- B. However, a warning is prudent. (1 Cor. 15.33)

III. EXHORTING WITH APPLICATION

- A. We are the children of God. (2 Cor. 6.17,18)
 1. Christians are the separated ones. (1 Cor. 1.2; 6.11)
 2. **VERSE 17:** “*Therefore come out from among them and be separate’ says the LORD*”
- B. Christians are to be separated from the world.
 1. As His children the world does not know us. (1 John 3.1)
 2. The world will hate those who are not their own. (John 15.18,19; Eph. 5.7,11; 1 Pet. 4.1-4)
 3. Friendship with the world is enmity. (James 4.4)

CONCLUSION: With whom will you be accepted?

WHEN MOUNTAINS WON'T MOVE

They were trapped. God had led the children of Israel right into a natural cul-de-sac. In Exodus 14.2, God tells the children of Israel, “*turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, opposite Baal Zephon; you shall camp before it by the sea.*” If you study the geography mentioned in this verse, you will find that to the north were the Egyptian armies in pursuit of the Israelites. To the south was the Egyptian desert. To the west was the city they had just left. To the east was the Red Sea. They had no where to go.

You know the story. God parted the Red Sea and allowed the children of Israel to escape. When their enemies pursued, God caused the Red Sea to fall on them drowning the entire Egyptian army (Ex. 14.26-29).

Have you ever wondered what would have happened if God had not parted the Red Sea? Would Moses and the children of Israel have perished? If you read Exodus 14.19,20, we are told that “*the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them.*” Why? Verse 20 explains that He “*came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel.*” God moved from being in front of them as their leader to being behind them as their protector. One way or another, God would not allow His people to come to harm.

We find ourselves in all kinds of hardships. The Holy Spirit guided the hand of Paul to use the plural when he made reference to “*the sufferings of this present time*” (Rom. 8.18). Like with Israel, sometime God removes the obstacles in our path. But sometimes He leaves the obstacles in place. The Red Sea does not part. The mountains will not move. The rocks that block our path remain in place. When that happens what do we do? We trust that God is still our protector (1 Cor. 10.13).

Consider what Paul experienced. He had a physical infirmity probably related to his eyesight (Gal. 4.15; 6.11). Whatever it was, Paul prayed three times asking for this burden to be removed, but it remained (2 Cor. 12.8,9). God did not move his mountain. Yet from that experience, Paul came to this conclusion: “*For when I am weak, then I am strong*” (2 Cor. 12.10).

When God will not remove the difficulties in our lives, we need to remember that hardships make us stronger, because they remind us to trust in Him.

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