



TITLE:

The Testator of the New Testament

TEXT:

Hebrews 9:9-22

Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; [10] Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. [11] But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; [12] Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. [13] For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to 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, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? [15] And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. [16] For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. [17] For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. [18] Whereupon neither the first testament 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 of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, [20] Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. [21] Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. [22] And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

REVIEW:

- In the same chapter, the tabernacle is described and how it and its articles are shadows of heavenly things.
- The tabernacle and its sacrificial system is not capable to make the person saved - from eternal punishment and guilt of sin (v.9).
- The tabernacle is temporary. When Christ died on the cross, the veil was torn in the temple. It signifies that the way to God is now manifested through the death of Christ (v.8-10).

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- Jesus Christ “by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place” of God (v.11).
 - The purpose: To obtain “eternal redemption for us.”
 - 1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; [19] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
 - Redemption from the slavery of sin; power of the devil; power of this world.
 - This redemption is eternal.
- Jesus Christ “who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God” (v.14).
 - Jesus Christ offered Himself without spot to God.
 - Propitiatory Atonement of Christ: God’s broken law was perfectly satisfied by the offering of Christ.
 - It was the Spirit that sanctified Christ’s offering to the Father.
- In contrast from the purifying of the flesh, the blood of Jesus Christ purge our conscience from dead works (v.14).
 - The purpose: To serve the living God (v.14).
- Jesus Christ is the mediator of the New Testament by the means of His death.

OLD AND NEW COVENANTS / TESTAMENTS COMPARISON

	Old Covenant / Testament	New Covenant / Testament
Passages	Exodus 24:7-8	Jeremiah 33:14-16; Romans 11:25-27; Matthew 26:28
Parties	Between God and Israel	Between God and Israel - Every believers are associated with the New Covenant
Minister	Levitical High Priest	Jesus Christ - Jesus Christ is better High Priest (Heb. 5-7)
Details	Exodus 24:4,7 - Moses wrote all the words of the LORD into the book of the covenant. - Moses read the book of the covenant to the people. - The people said: "All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient."	Hebrews 8:10-12 - Law of God will be put into man's mind and heart. - Men will have relationship with God. - Men will personally know the Lord. - Men's sins are entirely and forever forgiven.
Requirement	Perfect Obedience - "Israel continued not in my covenant" - Heb. 8:9	Perfect Obedience - It was met by Jesus Christ (Romans 5:18-19)
Purifying Result	Flesh or External Purifying (Heb. 9:9-10,13)	Purifying of soul, spirit and conscience (Heb. 9:14)
Testator / Dedication	Calves and Goats and their Blood (Heb. 9:19-22)	Jesus Christ and His blood (Heb. 9:11-15)