

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are some things that made the Priesthood of Jesus better than the Levitical Priesthood?
2. What is a “testament”? When is its worth fulfilled? (see verses 16 and 17)
3. Why is blood shed for the remission of sin? When was this first done as recorded in scripture?
4. In the new covenant, why is the blood of animals insufficient to cover the sins of man?

### SUMMARY:

The plan of God in sending Jesus to become the sacrifice for our sin was better than the previous covenant. The old covenant was only a foreshadow of the new. The priest entered each year into the Holy of Holies to offer a sacrifice for his sins and the sins of men. Christ entered directly into heaven and not into holy places made with hands. The blood of animals sanctified to the purifying of the flesh. The blood of Christ purged our consciences from dead works so we might serve the Living God. The offering of the Levitical Priest cleansed only past sins. The offering of Christ not only cleansed past sins, but gave power to walk in holiness unto eternal life. [\[SoF:7, 8\]](#) The blood of animals was shed often. The blood of Christ was shed only once. He is the perfect sacrifice.

### NOTES:

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[\[SoF:7\]](#) We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #9

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Third Quarter

### A BETTER PLAN

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Hebrews 9:11-28*

**LESSON SETTING:** Written from Italy to the Palestinian Jews, probably by Paul.

**TIME:** Approximately 64 A.D.

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#### I. A BETTER PRIEST. Hebrews 9:11-14

- A. Priest of a Perfect Tabernacle (vs. 11) Hebrews 8:2
- B. Offered a Perfect Sacrifice (vs. 12) Hebrews 2:10; 5:9
- C. Greater Purifying Power (vs. 14) Isaiah 1:17-19; Ephesians 5:25, 26; 1 John 1:7

#### II. A BETTER PROMISE. Hebrews 9:15-21

- A. Promise of Eternal Inheritance (vs. 15) Acts 20:32; Colossians 1:12; Titus 3:7
- B. Christ's Death Necessary (vs. 16-17) John 12:23, 24; 1 Corinthians 15:3

#### III. A BETTER PROVISION. Hebrews 9:22-28

- A. A Mediator before God (vs. 24) 1 Timothy 2:5; Isaiah 53:12; 59:16
- B. A “One Time” Offering (vs. 25-28) Galatians 1:4; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 3:16
- C. A Way of Salvation (vs. 28) [\[SoF:7\]](#) Acts 4:12; Romans 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:9

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *CHRIST WAS ONCE OFFERED TO BEAR THE SINS OF MANY . . .*

Hebrews 9:28

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Hebrews 10:1-31

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 40:1-10; 50:8-15  
Micah 6:6-8

**QUARTERLY THEME:** BOOK OF HEBREWS

**TOPIC:** A BETTER SACRIFICE

**INTRODUCTION:**

Since the law had only a bare outline or foreshadow of something better it naturally lacked the power that the better plan possessed. Men continually offered sacrifices and these merely served as a reminder of sin. If they had possessed the power to make perfect they would not have needed to be offered again. It is not possible that the blood of animals could take away sin.

So it was that even in the beginning after the fall of Adam and Eve, blood was shed so God could provide a covering for sin (the nakedness of man). However, even then God knew there was no power in this blood to cleanse the heart of man so He gave a promise to Adam and Eve that someday a Redeemer would be sent who would pay the penalty for sin.

We do have a responsibility toward God now and we are exhorted that we hold fast the profession of our faith and that we do not waver! Oh, that we might let these words burn into our hearts as a searing iron so we do not falter in these evil times. Our faith is so sorely tested. We are surrounded by sins that the world, and many churches, no longer call sin.

Not only are we exhorted not to waver but we are exhorted to arouse one another to love and good works. This is often a thankless and difficult task because so often hearts are filled with the world. The use of the word "provoke" or "arouse" indicates a sleepy condition. Can it be that the Apostle had a foreknowledge of our times?

Think too of the warning, "*If we sin willfully after having received the knowledge of the truth ... but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation.*" (Hebrews 10: 26, 27)

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Christ, the perfect sacrifice, fulfilled the will of God.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *FOR BY ONE OFFERING HE HATH PERFECTED FOREVER THEM THAT ARE SANCTIFIED.*

Hebrews 10:14

When Jesus gave Himself as that one offering for the sins of man, a gift that is bestowed on every one who surrenders to the will of God, He became the way whereby we can be made perfect. Jesus promised to give us the Holy Ghost as a witness of His work in our hearts and a power to be victorious over sin and temptation. He promised to put God's laws into our inmost thoughts and understanding and with the revelation of sin to us we then look for the grace to overcome it. History has revealed that the children of Israel were unable to find victory with their offerings. There was a continual remembrance of sin. Now God has promised that our sins will be forgiven and He will remember them no more. How wonderful it is to know that we are completely cleansed and made perfect by His one offering!

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 2 – 8**

M. \*A Better Sacrifice. Hebrews 10:1-31

T. Obedient. Psalm 40:1-10

W. Acceptable. Isaiah 53:4-12

T. Witnessing. Acts 3:12-18

F. Obeying. John 14:15-24

S. Yielding. Romans 12:1-13

S. Rejoicing. Philippians 4:1-9

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