

# *The BEST DEAL EVER!*

## **Hebrews 9:11-15**

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### Introduction:

- Finding the “best deal ever” on a car.
- The Jews listening to the preacher to the Hebrews thought that they had God’s “Best Deal Ever”.
- The preacher, however, is claiming that God has a better deal-- the Superiority of Jesus Christ.
  - Hebrews 7:25-- *“He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”*
- The preacher compares the old deal with the new in Hebrews 9
  - The old covenant was instituted and ordained by God.
  - The old sanctuary or tabernacle described in Hebrews 9:2-5
  - The old services that the priests performed in Hebrews 9:6-7
  - The significance of the Old Covenant sanctuary and services in Hebrews 9:8-10
    - Worship of God was limited under the old covenant
    - Cleansing was imperfect as it did nothing to free a man’s conscience from the guilt of sin.
    - The old covenant was temporary.

### ***The BEST DEAL EVER!***

- Hebrews 9:11-15-- *“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”*

### **A. The New Sanctuary**

- Hebrews 9:11-- *“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.”*
  1. The old tabernacle and temple were made by men of physical materials which were subject to deterioration and destruction. Neither of them survived.
  2. The new sanctuary is not man-made from physical materials, buy made by God, in heaven, of heavenly materials.
    - a. **Earthly temple or tabernacle cannot house God.**
      - 2 Chronicles 6:18-- *“But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!”*
      - Acts 7:48-49-- *“However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says: ‘Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. What house will you build for Me? says the LORD, Or what is the place of My rest? Has My hand not made all these things?’”*
      - Acts 17:23b-25-- *“Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.”*

- b. As a “priest forever after the order of Melchizedek”, Jesus Christ rules from His heavenly sanctuary.-
    - Hebrews 8:1-2-- *“Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.”*
  - c. **Heaven itself is the perfect tabernacle.**
3. Unlike under the old deal where only the priests and the High Priest could enter into the sanctuary, **Jesus Christ provides for the common believer access into the very presence of God.**
- a. **We are invited to “come boldly before the throne of grace”.**
    - Hebrews 4:14-16-- *“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*
  - b. **We today are seated with Christ in the heavenly places.**
    - Ephesians 2:4-6-- *“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”*

## B. The New Service

- Hebrews 9:12-- *“Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”*
1. **Christ’s service differs from the sacrifice He offers.**
    - a. The old covenant High Priest offered the blood of bulls and goats on the Day of Atonement to cover the unintentional sins of the previous year.
    - b. Jesus Christ entered the Most Holy Place in heaven with His own blood.
  2. **Christ’s service differs in the frequency.**
    - a. The High Priest yearly entered the Holy of Holies to offer sacrifices on the Day of Atonement.
    - b. Jesus Christ offered His blood “once for all”
      - Hebrews 9:24-26-- *“For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”*
      - Hebrews 9:28-- *“So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”*
      - Hebrews 10:10-- *“By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”*
      - Hebrews 10:14-- *“For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.”*
  3. **Christ’s service differs in results.**
    - a. Results under the old contract were temporary. No permanent forgiveness!
    - b. Jesus Christ, by His death, has “obtained eternal redemption”.
      - Ephesians 1:7-- *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”.*
      - 1 Peter 1:18-19-- *“Corruptible things, like silver or gold, from the aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”*

## C. The New Significance

### 1. Full access to the presence of God.

### 2. Permanent forgiveness of sins, eternal redemption.

### 3. The Cleansing of the Conscience

- Hebrews 9:13-14-- *"For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"*

#### a. Under the old deal.

- 1) The sin offerings on the Day of Atonement covered sin, thus removing the barrier for the worship of God.
- 2) The "holy water" made from the ashes of a heifer (Numbers 19) purified those who were ceremonially unclean so that they could participate in worship.
- 3) The sacrifices and the ashes of a heifer could only *"sanctify for the purifying of the flesh"*

#### b. The "much more" that Jesus provides.

- Hebrews 9:14-- *"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"*

#### 1) Jesus Christ offered Himself through the Eternal Spirit.

- John 3:24-- *"For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure."*

#### 2) By His death, He "cleanses your conscience from dead works".

##### a) The "conscience" is the soul or mind reflecting on its own acts.

- Romans 2:15-- *"conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them."*

##### b) Our conscience needs to be "cleansed". Why? **GUILT!**

##### c) By His death, He has cleansed our conscience from "dead works", that is, from recollection of sinful acts.

##### (1) Christ's blood continue to cleanse us from all sin.

- 1 John 1:9-- *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*
- 1 John 1:7-- *"blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."*

##### (2) "No condemnation" to those in Christ.

- Romans 8:1a-- *"There is now, therefore, no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus!"*

##### d) Knowing that our sins are forgiven and our conscience is clear, we are free to serve the living God.

- Hebrews 10:22-- *"draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."*

4. **The Redemption of Old Testament saints**

- Hebrews 9:15-- *“And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”*
  
- a. **All men are saved through the merits of the death of Jesus Christ.**
  - Acts 4:12-- *“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*
  
- b. **In all times, salvation is by faith in God apart from works.**
  
- c. **Like the sacrifice on the Day of Atonement, Christ’s sacrifice was also retroactive!**
  
- d. **God overlooked the sins of Old Testament saints until Jesus finished the work of redemption at Calvary.**
  - Romans 3:24-25-- *“justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed.”*
  
- e. **The old covenant sacrifices were not the means of salvation, but pointed to the perfect sacrifice of Christ!**
  
- f. **As a result of their faith in the promised Redeemer, and the finished work of Christ on the cross, Old Testament saints receive the “*promise of eternal inheritance*’, which is salvation, the full forgiveness of sin and full access to the presence of God.**