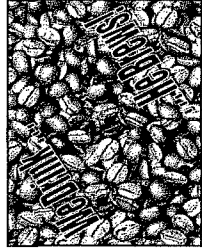


Sermon
11-08-09

“A BETTER COVENANT”

Hebrews Chapters 8 & 9



*The point of what we are saying is this:
We do have such a high priest, who sat
down at the right hand of the throne of the
Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the
sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by
the Lord, not by man. - Heb. 8:1-2*

ILL: Going from 74 Hornet Wagon to 68 Monaco and
73 Fury, Going from a 74 Monaco to a 73 Hornet
Wagon, from Hornet Wagon to 83 Omni.

In God's original Covenant with His people He established not only a sacrificial system administered by priests, but a place of worship and rituals for worship. But neither the place of worship nor the means of worshipping were the final word in establishing a relationship with God or really experiencing worship of God. They proved by their perpetual nature, the need for something and someone greater that would do what we could not do to accomplish forgiveness and establish true worship!

Jesus is both the means of and object of our worship!

I. The original system of worship and sacrifice was only an **IMAGE** of spiritual

REALITY. (Hebrews 9:6-10)

- There were DIVISIONS between God and mankind
- It didn't bring freedom from sin's chains (v. 9)
- It was a LIMITED forgiveness
 - FOR past sins
 - UNTIL the perfect payment

II. God set up a new **COVENANT** with a new

TEMPLE. (Hebrews 9:11)

- Not man-made – man built the first one (v. 11)
- God-made; man himself as before the fall
- As God made man, He made Himself INTO a man to become a perfect human sacrifice.
- God made mankind His dwelling place- HIS TEMPLE – there is NO DIVISION between God and mankind!

III. Our worship is a life **UNCHAINED** for

SERVICE.

(Hebrews 9:14)

- A healed CONSCIENCE (a new creation) **2 Corinthians 5:17**
- A renewed CONFIDENCE (. . . do everything) **Philippians 4:13**
- A strong COMMITMENT (. . . finish the race) **Acts 20:24**

- ~ Finally getting close to the finish on the ordination trek – the need to finish.
- ~ What chains are you in that keep you from completing the race God has for you to run?
- ~ for some it may be that they have never surrendered their life to Christ!

My Decision:

**When God's Word tells me I'm FREE,
I will BELIEVE it!**