

JESUS: Ours, Always

the letter to the Hebrews

8. OUR BETTER SANCTUARY

Hebrews 9

Meditation 3

Jesus is a better High Priest and enters the better Tabernacle of Heaven, therefore he offers us...

A better future

In the short-term our lives are given purpose

9:14 cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, **so that we may serve the living God!**

The word “serve” here is translated “worship” elsewhere. We’re free from serving or worshipping out of guilt or fear. Our life this side of the age to come is one where we get to ...

serve by worshipping and worship by serving

Such a better way to live!

In the long-term we have a certain future

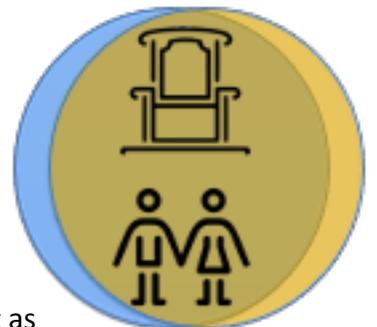
9:15 *For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the **promised eternal inheritance***

We share in the heavenly calling (3:1). We have the promise of entering God’s rest (4:1). They all point to us being with God forever!

The future is bigger & better than we imagine!

9:27 *Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, 28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to **bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.***

We saw before that God’s intention was always that God-space and Human-space coexist. That HEAVEN and EARTH co-exist. So the promise of the Bible isn’t so much that we go to heaven as heaven comes to earth, just as Jesus taught is to pray... “*your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*”



God's rest, rule, blessing, restoration, freedom... flowing freely here on earth. That's SALVATION! We become preoccupied with our sins and we shrink salvation down to being saved from our sins BUT God is preoccupied with the restoration of all things. Eventually all space will be sacred space, not in some vague sense of the OTHER, but in the deep security of the loving presence of God, **with us restored as His partners flooding His cosmos with His peace, love and joy!**

LENT Meditations

Take time to step through these insights into Christ's High Priestly role in your life. Meditate on each one and soak in the peace, love & joy it brings.

Sacrifice – *He did away with sin by the sacrifice of himself 9:26*

Cleansing – *He cleanses our consciences from acts that lead to death 9:14*

Tabernacle - *He did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. 9:24*

Future - *He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. 9:28*