

# Hebrews 9:15-28

## LESSON 17

### *A Better Blood and Testament*

#### 1. Heb 9:15 – Mediator of the New Testament

- a. “for this cause” – These Hebrew believers needed the cross explained – Heb 8:13-14
  - i. Change was necessary in the priest, law, service, sacrifice Acts 6:13-14, 7:47-50
- b. “he is the mediator” – The one who brings about the new by better ministry - Heb 8:6
  - i. He is our mediator, too, but there is a difference – 1Ti 2:6 vs. Matt 20:28
  - ii. He mediated the NT to Israel Matt 26:28; disp. of grace to us Eph3:2, Ro 11:32
- c. “new testament” – interchangeable w/ covenant – Heb 8:6-8, 12:24, 13:20, Re 11:19
  - i. *Testament* is a person’s declared will, *covenant* is a contract/agreement
  - ii. No difference in scripture between new testament and covenant - both Israel’s
  - iii. The new covenant is Israel’s salvation – our salvation was not prophesied

#### 2. Heb 9:15-17 – Death according to the New Testament

- a. Christ died according to prophecy for the past sins of Israel – Heb 10:4, Rom 3:20, 25
- b. Christ died according to prophecy for Israel’s eternal inheritance – Heb 6:12, 12:15-17
- c. Christ died to mediate the New Testament (salvation) for Israel – Heb 9:16-17
- d. “of necessity” – Else the testator can declare something else, the dead do not speak
- e. “after men are dead” – The NT was not before Matt 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19
  - i. Red letters MMLJ are all under the old testament – Gal 4:4, Matt 8:4, 23:3
  - ii. The OT was not before Exo 19 (Exo 24) – Genesis is not old covenant
  - iii. The ministry of the church today was not revealed before Paul – Eph 3:3-4
  - iv. The NT is not fulfilled until Heb 4:11, 6:12, 8:13, 9:28, Rom 11:25-27

#### 3. Heb 9:18-10:4 – The Better Blood

- a. Blood mentioned 20+ in Hebrews (more than any other book except Lev and Eze)
- b. Blood was a part of Israel’s sacrifices, it was a necessary part of atonement – Lev 17:11
- c. The “blood of Christ” purges their conscience (9:14), because it is better than animals
- d. Moses was the mediator of the first covenant dedicated with blood – Ex 24:8
- e. Many people do not like the blood – but both his body and blood are necessary
- f. The blood of Christ is necessary for the remission of sins - Heb 9:22, Col 1:14
- g. The blood cleanses from all sin (unlike the animals) – 1 John 1:7, Rev 1:5
- h. The blood is a testimony that he is the Son of God – 1 John 5:6-8, Acts 20:28
- i. One [Christ, death, blood, cross] did two things, one prophesied, one a mystery.
- j. Christ’s blood obtains the necessary redemption for Israel in the NT – 1 Pet 1:18-19
- k. The blood of Christ saves us according to the mystery freely by grace – Col 1:20, Eph 2:13, Rom 3:25, Rom 5:9 – without a covenant we need his blood to give access