

## Christ Above all else

### Hebrews 8:1-13

- In the first seven chapters the writer of Hebrews has gone to great lengths in showing his readers that Jesus Christ is above all else, whether that's in their personal lives, their spiritual lives, or their professional lives, there is no comparison when it comes to Whom our allegiance and worship belongs to. Now he is going to give a quick summary of what he has been teaching and build upon it, so that there is no confusion as to Who it is their serving, and why it is > for He is Worthy!

#### V1-13

- **V1-2** from chapters 1-7 Hebrews has stated that Jesus is greater than the Angels, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Prophets, and Priests. So there is nothing that can minimize Jesus superiority, for He ministers to us with a better Covenant, we see that as man no longer has to make animal sacrifices just to cover our sins, but Jesus sacrifice on the cross has allowed us total access for our sins are now forgiven.
- That was the High Priest job to bring the people's sacrifice to The Lord, the problem was God didn't have to accept it, but the sacrifice Jesus made upon the cross has been accepted for all eternity, therefore He Who according to **Heb 7:25** lives to make intercession for us, that is seated at the place of honor upon the Right Hand of God the position of Authority has taken away our reproach making for us a Covenant with God that is better than the prior one as its written in Christ blood not animals.
- We haven't gotten there yet but in **Heb 10:4-10** that in all that work in preparing the sacrifices, burning the fat, lighting the incense man's sins still remained. So God sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world not to save the world but to die on the cross to save souls, thus giving us a hope that goes far beyond this world and into the heavens, that where the true tabernacle resides, erected not by man but by God.
- **V3-5** in the OT every priest along with the people had to offer a sacrifice for themselves in order to be accepted by God, but Jesus because He was sinless never offered a sacrifice according to The Law, yet He Himself became the sacrifice on the cross. This goes back to when Hebrews says "**when God could swear by no One Greater He swore by Himself**", well when there was nothing else to sacrifice that would satisfy the requirement for man's sin Jesus then offered Himself amazing!

- I don't want you to miss this everything that Moses and the priests built on earth was a copy and shadow to a pattern that already existed in heaven. When we read Revelations everything in glory was already worshipping Jesus The Son, what Moses did by instituting the animal sacrifices was pointing to The One Who would come and take away that need by providing Himself as the solution. Heaven already knew this, its us here on earth that is late to the party, we are just catching up to the plan.
- **V6-9** Hebrews tells us that if the first Covenant worked then it would not be necessary for a second Covenant. This shows how merciful and loving God is, He gives man a detailed description of what is needed to please Him, man decides that he is going to do things differently, sounds familiar doesn't it. Cain was told exactly what to bring God but decided to offer to God what he wanted to give and God rejected it, instead of repenting and changing course he gets mad and kills Abel.
- God gave man a Covenant that required works, man could not fulfil what was being asked, so he rebelled against it and God, The Lord in His Grace and Mercy instead of wiping us all out presents to us another Covenant this one is one of Grace. Where instead of man representing man Jesus is our Mediator, Who stands between us and The Father, interceding on our behalf, this is what makes the second Covenant better. So if anyone tries to get you to believe that we have to keep the Law, or some form of it, just point them to this chapter which clearly says we cannot keep the Law
- **V10-13** we see that here for the "New Covenant has made the first Covenant obsolete" so if scripture tells us this then why would man try and establish a belief system where we accept Jesus as our Lord but we still have to keep remnants of the Law? If someone wants to try and live by something that's obsolete let them, but don't allow them to put you under that kind of bondage Jesus has set us free amen!
- I will close with this in these chapters Hebrews gives three evidences for the acceptance of receiving the better Covenant, and I want you to write them down. **1<sup>st</sup>** it is ministered by a Superior High Priest **V1**- speaking of Jesus Himself, **2<sup>nd</sup>** It is ministered in a better place **V2**- instead of an earthly tabernacle it's a heavenly sanctuary, one that wasn't made by man or governed by human authorities, **3<sup>rd</sup>** it is founded on better promises **V6**- Jesus is The Mediator not human priests.