

Hebrews 9:15-28

The Mediator of a Better Covenant

- I. Introduction:** The author explained that Jesus is the Mediator of a better covenant, which has provided total forgiveness of sin through His blood shed on the cross.

- II. The Mediator of a Better Covenant (Heb 9:15-28).**
 - A. The New Covenant Conditions (vv. 15-17).**
 - 1. The author of Hebrews explained that because Jesus has died to establish the New Covenant, He is now the Mediator of a superior agreement with God.

 - B. The New Covenant Payment (vv. 18-22).**
 - 1. The writer proclaimed that God had established the New Covenant upon the blood of Jesus, which was paid to God in order to fully satisfy His wrath.

 - C. The New Covenant Sacrifice (vv. 23-28).**
 - 1. The writer proclaimed that God provided a Substitute for us so that we do not have to experience the judgment of God or bear the penalty of our sins.

- III. Conclusion:** The author wanted his audience to celebrate the greatness of Jesus' New Covenant, recognizing that His atoning work Has provided a full pardon from sin's penalty.

Study Questions: The Mediator of a Better Covenant

1. What will happen to your soul when you die? Do you know that your sins have been forgiven? What gives you confidence that you have received a full pardon from God?
2. What were the conditions of the New Covenant that Jesus established? (**Heb 9:15-17**) How were individuals saved in the Old Testament? (**v. 15**) When did the New Covenant take effect?
3. How is a covenant like a last “will and testament”? (**Heb 9:16-17**) Why is it necessary for the initiator of the covenant to die? (**v. 17**) When did Jesus initiate this covenant? (**Luke 22:20**)
4. What was the payment that Jesus made to purchase our salvation? (**Heb 9:18-22**) How was the Old Covenant similarly inaugurated with blood? (**vv. 19-21**) Why was blood necessary? (**v. 22**)
5. How does blood indicate the seriousness of sin against God? (**Gen 2:17**) Are you offended by talk of a blood atonement? Why can’t we enter God’s presence through self-effort?
6. How did Jesus provide a better sacrifice than the Old Testament sacrifices? (**Heb 9:23-28**) How has He entered into a better sanctuary? (**vv. 23-24**) What makes His sacrifice unique? (**v. 25**)
7. What is the consummation of the ages that the author mentions? (**Heb 9:26**) What is the one appointment that all men will keep? (**Heb 9:27**) What will come after death? (**Heb 9:27**)
8. Have you been cleansed by the blood of Jesus? Have you cried out for mercy for your sins? How will you escape God’s judgment? Are you eagerly awaiting Jesus’ second coming?

Prayer

1. Ask God to help you better appreciate and worship Jesus for His atoning work on the cross.
2. Pray that God might cleanse you from your sins and grant you anticipation for His return.