

Sunday November 20th 2011
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part – Twenty Six
Study Questions

1). Heb 9:1 ¶ *Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary.* What are connected together in this first verse?

a). What might we learn from this?

b). *2 For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary* What does v2 teach us?

c). *3 and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All,* What do we discover in v3 and what scripture describes this for us?

d). What according to v4 was to be found in the Holiest of all?

e). Where do we see these items in the scripture?

f). How should we understand the golden censor with regards to the Holiest of All and what scripture did we look at in connection with this?

g). How, according to the scripture is the ark of the covenant described and what can we know with regards to the cherubim?

h). Why can't the writer now speak of these things in detail?

2). Read Hebrews 9:6-10

- a). What does the phrase 'thus prepared' show us?
- b). What contrast is made in v7-8 and what does this contrast teach us?
- c). According to v8 why was the tabernacle arranged in this way and how should we understand the purpose for this?
- d). What does v9 teach us about this?
- e). What does the word 'symbolic' mean?
- f). Why could the gifts and sacrifices not make him perfect with regards to conscience?
- g). How has this changed with respect to ourselves?
- h). How should we understand the word 'reformation'?

3). Why was the tabernacle ministry set in place and what was its point?

- a). Where does all of this inevitably lead us to?
- b). In what way are the old covenant and the new covenant similar and how are they different?
- c). What did the tearing of the veil in the temple in Jerusalem signify and what should this have meant for the Jews?
- d). What was Israel's reaction to this and what did God do in response to this?

e). What had God always intended with regards to the Gentiles and where do we see this presented in the scriptures?

f). What must we keep in mind when considering this though?

g). Can you explain why the events of the cross are so pivotal to God's plans and purposes?

4). Ac 2:7 *Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?"* What is happening in the second Chapter of the Book of Acts?

a). What does the beginning of the fulfillment of this prophecy have to deal with?

b). Why does the prophecy start to be fulfilled at this time?

c). Read Acts 2:36-38 – What is being explained in this scripture?

d). How should we understand the time that we call the re-offer of the Kingdom to Israel in the light of the new covenant?

e). Why does Paul go to the Jew first and then to the Gentile?

f). What is happening now with regards to the new covenant and Israel?

g). When will Israel embrace the new covenant and what will happen as a result of this?

h). How is the 'church' connected to this time frame?

i). Can you describe how Israel and the ‘church’ are intertwined in God’s prophetic timetable?

j). What would you say is the most significant thing that you have learned in these past weeks with respect to –

The earthly tabernacle and its ministry

The old covenant

The new covenant

God’s dealings with the ‘church’?

k). Any final thoughts?