

An Exposition of Hebrews

Lesson 13 – Chapter 10:11-25 ³⁴¹³

Passage NASU	Commentary & Analysis	Bible Interprets the Bible References
<p>Contextual Transition: At this point in chapter 10 we finished our discussion regarding Christ’s death fulfilling God’s eternal purpose, moving on to here a discussion of the impact of Christ’s death on God’s chosen, elect people.</p>		
<p>Christ’s Death Perfects the Sanctified</p>		
<p>10:11 <i>Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;</i></p>	<p>None of the priests sat while ministering in the Tabernacle/Temple. There were no seats or benches provided or allowed within the Holy place or the Holy of Holy’s.</p> <p>Their ministry just continues on and on without any cessation. As long as men remain sinners, the priestly sacrifices continue until the true redemptive sacrifice is completed. The hope of Israel was always to be their Messiah as prophesied throughout the ages in their own Scripture. In Jesus’ birth and life we find ample fulfillment of OT Scripture and yet the religious leaders did not see it. They were entirely committed to their own self-righteousness that they had acquired by distorting the Mosaic Covenant and failing to see and know their own wicked disobedience to the God of their fathers!</p>	
<p>10:12-13 ¹²<i>but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, ¹³waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.</i></p>	<p>Here is one of the great conjunctions within Scripture: “But” now it has all changed completely. The old priestly order has been done away with!</p> <p>The sacrifice for sins was completed on the cross of Calvary when Christ declared “It is finished!” The final, complete redemption in accordance with God’s eternal plan was completed. There was and is no further redemptive work required for men of His own choosing to be brought into fellowship with God.</p> <p>Christ now waits patiently for the fullness of time for the marriage supper of the Lamb unto His bride, the Church and for His bodily return to the earth in power, absolute victory, and full authority.</p>	<p>John 19:28-30 <i>After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth. ³⁰Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.</i></p>
<p>10:14 <i>For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.</i></p>	<p>Christ now intercedes for us before the accusations of Satan, but His answer to Satan is always the same, namely that that sin has been covered by My own blood!</p>	<p>Rev 19:11-16 - - <i>And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”</i></p>
<p>10:15-16 <i>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, ¹⁶“THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM, ¹⁷He then says,</i></p>	<p>This is a partial quote from Jer 31:33ff that the author quoted in Heb 8:7.</p> <p>This new covenant is not just based on the writings of Scripture, but in fact is a complete change of heart (regeneration) by which the new person’s (new creation) has been radically changed by the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit with consequent indwelling of God, very God in the Person of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>2 Cor 5:14-17 <i>For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; ¹⁵and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. ¹⁶Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. ¹⁷Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.</i></p>

<p>10:17 "AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE." ^{Jer 31:34}</p>	<p>Here, through the once for all work of Christ we see Great Mercy towards sinners without regard to merit.</p> <p>This Christ (Jesus), this death, this holy blood was shed in order to attain complete and free forgiveness of sin and renewed relationship with the God of the Old Testament.</p>	<p>Phil 2:5-11 <i>Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.</i></p>
<p>10:18 <i>Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.</i></p>	<p>“This short verse emphatically conveys the utter finality of Christ’s offering and the sheer impossibility of anything further. Where sins have been effectively dealt with, there can be no further place for an offering for sin. The author sees this as established by Scripture, and this is consistent with his normal use of the OT. He cites the Bible to show that since the new covenant is established, there is not room for any further sacrifice.”</p> <p>Frank Gaebelain; <i>The Expositor’s Bible</i>; Vol 13, p. 102</p>	
<p>Hold Fast Your Confession Because of the Perfection of Christ’s Death, ∴. The promises and benefits of the Christian life, although primarily for the eternal life with Christ, are in fact so much greater than the promise to the OT saints, which promises were primarily for this earthly life.</p>		
<p>10:19-20 <i>Therefore, <u>brethren</u>, since we have confidence to enter <u>the holy place</u> by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by <u>a new and living way</u> which He inaugurated for us <u>through the veil, that is, His flesh</u>.</i> !!!</p>	<p>To the Hebrew mind, correctly understood, entry into the Holy place was a terrifying proposition.</p> <p>The author here declares a radical truth to these Hebrews. Entering the very presence of God, covered <u>by the blood of Jesus the Christ</u>, cannot be an access to God that is no longer to be feared.</p> <p>The veil shielding the faithful from God’s presence was torn from the top to the bottom, signifying free access <u>to all who are covered by the blood of Christ, we still must go through the veil, the body of Christ!</u></p>	<p>Heb 4:14-16 <i>Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, <u>let us hold fast our confession</u>. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Therefore <u>let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace</u>, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.</i></p> <p>The saints approach God only through the veil of Christ’s Body!! HO #0981</p>
<p>10:21 <i>and since we have a great priest <u>over the house of God</u>,</i></p>	<p>Christ as the great priest is over the house of God.</p> <p>As a result of this position that we now have in Christ, consider what our obligation is in serving and praising our God! In mature faith. In purity of conscience. In growing in righteousness.</p>	
<p>10:22 <i>let us <u>draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith</u>, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.</i></p>	<p>The 1st of 3 exhortations to Christ’s Church: Clearly we are to draw near to God.</p> <p>What are Christ’s admonition to such a drawing near?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a sincere heart in full assurance of our faith, • our hearts to be clean from an evil conscience, • our bodies washed in pure water (in subjection to holiness unto God) 	<p>Eph 5:25-27 <i>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.</i></p>
<p>10:23 <i>Let us <u>hold fast the confession of</u></i></p>	<p>2nd of the 3 exhortations to Christ’s Church: Clearly we are to hold fast our confession.</p>	<p>1 Cor 10:13 <i>No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common</i></p>

<p><u>our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;</u></p>	<p>What are Christ’s admonitions about such a confession?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a confession containing Biblically informed hope, • a confession that does not waver from the Biblical truth of who we are now in Christ. 	<p>to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.</p>
<p>10:24-25 and <u>let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,</u> ²⁵not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.</p>	<p>3rd of the 3 exhortations to Christ’s Church: Clearly we are to consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not forsaking the assembling together, • encouraging one another, • responding such because the day of the LORD is drawing near. <p>The consummation of all of God’s mercy and justice is coming soon and quickly. We are to live in this certain hope. Such hope will drive us into holiness and righteousness in our lives and our response to the world’s wickedness.</p>	<p>Titus 3:5-11 - - - <i>This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men. ⁹But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, ¹¹knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.</i></p>
<p>Summary/Conclusions/Comments: These 3 exhortations constitutes important issues for the Church to actually be ambassador’s for Christ. Without this fellowship of believers it seems clear that we really can’t satisfy Christ’s purpose for our lives.</p>		

Important Quote(s)

“The Lord Christ presides over the persons, duties, and worship of believers. In that all their acceptable worship is of His appointment; in that He assists worshippers by His Spirit for the performance of every duty; in that He directs the government of the church, ordains its officers, and administers its laws; in that He makes their service acceptable with God. He is the King in Zion, wielding the scepter, protecting the interests of His church, and, according to His pleasure, overthrowing its enemies. It is the Lord who adds to the church those who are to be saved. He is the alone Head, and as the wife is to be subject to her husband in all things, so the members of Christ’s mystical body are to own no other Lord. From Him we are to take our orders; unto Him we must yet render an account.”

A. W. Pink; *An Exposition of Hebrews*; p. 359

This is where we are now. The age is closing, and Satan's power is greater than ever. Our warfare is with angels and principalities and powers (Rom 8:38; Eph 6:12) who are set to withstand and destroy the work of God in us by laying many things to the charge of God's elect. Alone we could never be their match, but what we alone cannot do, the Church can. Sin, self-reliance and individualism were Satan's master-strokes at the heart of God's purpose in man, and in the Cross, God has undone them. As we put our faith in what He has done - in "God that justifieth" and in "Christ Jesus that died" (Rom 8:33-34) - we present a front against which the very gates of Hades shall not prevail. We, His Church are "more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Rom 8:37).

Watchman Nee; *The Normal Christian Life* - Hendrickson Christian Classics; p. 146