"Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries"

Hebrews Bible Study — Hebrews 7:20-28 Lesson #17

INSTRUCTIONS: **Read the entire section of Scripture in Hebrews before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

20-22 And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath (for they have become priests without an oath, but **He with an OATH by Him who said to Him: "The Lord has SWORN and will not relent. 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek**'"), by so much more **Jesus has become a surety of a BETTER COVENANT .**

- **Matthew 26:28** "For this is My _____ of the new _____, which is shed for many for the _____ of sins."

Definition: "He with an OATH by Him who said to Him: "The Lord has SWORN" – To swear an OATH is to make a promise, as we do when a person swears in court to "Tell the truth and nothing but the truth, so help me, God." **God made a PROMISE by swearing an OATH that Jesus would be our High Priest forever.**

Definition: "JESUS has become a surety of a BETTER COVENANT" – A covenant is an agreement or contract between two people or groups of people. **God's first covenant was with ADAM, and Adam's responsibility was to obey God by NOT eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and to tend the Garden of Eden.** For the covenant with Noah, God's part of the covenant was to protect and deliver Noah and his family, and to preserve the different types of animals to repopulate the earth. Noah's part was to obey God's instructions by building the ark and gathering the animals and their food. Later, when the ark landed, the responsibility of Noah and his family members was to multiply and scatter throughout the earth to repopulate the earth. **God's covenant with Abraham** was that **God would bless Abraham, count his faith as righteousness, and provide for him a son**, if Abraham would just believe God and if he would settle in the land that would later become Israel. By the time of **Moses, God made another covenant**, this time with the nation and people of Israel. Their responsibility was to keep His commandments and offer animal sacrifices that pointed toward the coming Messiah and sin-bearer. For us, **OUR "BETTER COVENANT" with God is to BELIEVE in His Son, Jesus Christ, and to accept His SACRIFICE on the cross to pay for our sins. God's part is that He will give us eternal life with Him in heaven, and many other promises in His word.**

- **Psalm 50:5** "Gather my _____ together to Me; those who have _____ a _____ with _____ by _____."
- **Luke 22:20** "Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the _____ _____ in My _____, which is _____ for you.'"

23-25 And there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But **He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.** Therefore **He is also able to SAVE to the uttermost those who COME to GOD through HIM, since He ever lives to make INTERCESSION for them.**

- **I John 2:1** "My little children, these things I write to you, that you may not _____. And if any _____, we have an Advocate with the Father, _____ _____ the righteous."
- **Romans 8:34** "Who is he who _____ [*us*]? It is _____ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes _____ for us."

Definition: "He is also able to SAVE to the uttermost those who COME to GOD through HIM" – God's word says that the ONLY way to God is through His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself said that He is the ONLY way to come to the Father in heaven. When His disciples asked, **"HOW can we KNOW the WAY?",** Jesus told them that **He Himself is the WAY to God**. The disciples did not realize that **Jesus Himself IS the WAY to heaven**. Many people today are also confused or blinded to the truth. They think that they can do good works, or religious rituals or ordinances, in order to get to heaven, and **they MISS the WAY**, because they do not **KNOW Jesus personally**.

- **John 3:16** "For God so _____ the world that He _____ His only begotten _____, that whoever _____ in _____ should not _____ but have _____ _____."
- **John 10:1,7 & 9** "Most assuredly I say to you, he who does not _____ the sheepfold by the _____, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." (Verse 7) "Then _____ said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, I _____ the _____ of the sheep. (Verse 9) "I am the_____. If anyone _____ by _____, he will be _____, and will go in and out and find pasture."
- **I Peter 1:3-5** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant _____ has begotten us again (caused us to be born again) to a living hope _____ the _____ of _____ _____ from the dead, to an inheritance _____ and undefiled, and that does not _____ away (it is EVERLASTING), reserved in _____ for you, who are kept by the power of God through _____ for _____ ready to be revealed in the last time."
- **John 14:2-6** "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to _____ a _____ for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will _____ _____ and _____ you to _____; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the _____ you know." Thomas said to Him, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going, and _____ can we _____ the _____?" Jesus said to him, "I _____ the _____, the _____, and the _____. _____ _____ comes to the _____ except through _____."
- **Matthew 25:34** "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, '_____, you blessed of My _____, inherit the kingdom _____ for _____ from the foundation of the world.'"

Definition: "I GO to PREPARE a PLACE for YOU" — What a marvelous feeling, and what blessed assurance to KNOW that Jesus is preparing a place for ME and for YOU in heaven!

- **I John 5:13** "These things have I written unto you that _____ on the name of the Son of God; that you may _____ that you _____ eternal _____, and that you may _____ on the name of the Son of God."

Definition: "I will COME AGAIN and RECEIVE YOU to MYSELF" — When a believer in Jesus Christ dies, you go directly into the presence of Jesus Himself in heaven. Paul says in II Corinthians 5:6-8, that if you are ABSENT from your earthly, physical body, you are PRESENT with the Lord. This means that your SPIRIT will leave your body at DEATH, and the physical body that gets buried in the ground, or burned up in a fire, or whatever happens to it, is only an empty shell. **Your spirit, the REAL YOU**, goes instantly to be with Jesus. Later, Jesus will come again, at the Resurrection Day, and your spirit will be reunited with **your new RESURRECTION BODY that can live for eternity with God.**

- **II Corinthians 5:6-8** "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that while we are at _____ in the _____ we are _____ from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be _____ from the _____ and to be _____ with the _____."

Definition: "He ever lives to make INTERCESSION for them" – JESUS is our HIGH PRIEST, which means **we COME TO GOD THROUGH HIM**, and we do NOT need a human priest of any kind. **Jesus is our ADVOCATE**, which means DEFENSE LAWYER. **JESUS defends us** against the **ACCUSATIONS of Satan**. **Jesus' work as INTERCESSOR** is different than the Holy Spirit's work in prayer. The Holy Spirit "comes along side to help" when WE pray, but **Jesus is DEFENDING and PROTECTING US by His intercessory PRAYER for us, and as our MEDIATOR**, He has opened the way for us to come directly into God's presence.

- **Isaiah 59:16** "He saw that there was no _____, and wondered that there was no _____; therefore His own arm (strength) brought _____ for Him, and His own _____, it sustained Him."
- **Luke 22:31-32** " And the Lord said, 'Simon, Simon! Indeed, _____ has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have _____ for you, that your _____ should not _____; and when you have _____ to Me, strengthen your brethren.'"
- **I Timothy 2:5** "For there is one God, and one _____ between _____ and _____, the Man _____ _____."

26-27 For such a HIGH PRIEST was fitting for us, **who is HOLY, harmless, undefiled, SEPARATE from SINNERS,** and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up SACRIFICES, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for **this He did ONCE for ALL when He OFFERED up HIMSELF.**

- **Hebrews 4:15** "For we do not have a _____ _____ who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but [*He*] was in all points _____ as we are, yet _____ sin."
- **II Corinthians 5:21** "For He made _____ (Jesus) who knew _____ _____ to be _____ for us, that we might _____ the _____ of God ____ _____."

Definition: "Who is HOLY, harmless, undefiled, SEPARATE from SINNERS" – Jesus is God in the flesh, but if He had any SIN at all in His human, fleshly body, He would NOT have been able to pay the penalty for our sins. **Jesus had to be completely sinless, as the INNOCENT Lamb of God**. In the Old Testament, the animal sacrifices were a picture of how an innocent animal (or in Jesus' case, an innocent human being) had to shed its blood in order for the person to have forgiveness of their sins.

- **John 1:28-31** "These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day John saw _____ coming toward him, and he said, "Behold! The _____ of _____ who _____ _____ the _____ of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me. I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, I came baptizing with water"
- **I John 3:5** "And you know that He was manifested to _____ _____ our _____, and in _____ there is no _____."
- **I Peter 2:24** "Who Himself bore (TOOK AWAY) our _____ in His own _____ on the tree (cross), that we, having died to sins, might _____ for _____ — by whose stripes (wounds) you were healed."
- **Hebrews 9:12** "_ -_____ with the _____ of goats and calves (the Old Testament sacrifices), but with His own _____ He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal _____ [*for us*].

Definition: "This He did ONCE for ALL when He OFFERED up HIMSELF" – Jesus, as the PERFECT SACRIFICE only had to offer Himself ONCE for our sins, not over and over again like the IMPERFECT human priests of the Old Testament.

- **John 20:17** "Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have _____ yet _____ to My _____; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"
- **Hebrews 9:11-14 & 24** "But _____ came as _____ _____ of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle _____ made with _____, that is, not of this creation. Not with the _____ of goats and calves, but with His _____ _____ He _____ the Most _____ _____ once for all, having _____ eternal _____. For if the _____ of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much _____ shall the _____ of _____, who through the eternal Spirit _____ _____ without spot (blemish, sin) to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (verse 24) "For _____ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are _____ of the _____, but into _____ itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."

Definition: "I have not yet ASCENDED to My Father" – Jesus is not speaking here of His ascension (going up) into heaven 10 days before Pentecost (Luke 24:51, Acts 1:9-11), but of **a quick trip up to heaven immediately after His resurrection, in which He presented His blood before God, in order for God the Father to accept His sacrifice on our behalf.** Jesus returned so quickly, that the other women encountered Him, and He let them cling to Him and hold Him, whereas **He would not allow Mary to do that before He went up to heaven**. He then remained on earth for 40 days, showing Himself to many of His disciples, until He went up to heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father.

- **I Corinthians 15:3-6** "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that _____ died for our _____ according to the _____, and that He was buried, and that He _____ again the _____ day according to the Scriptures, and that He was _____ by Cephas (Peter), then by the twelve, after that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present...."

***Definition:* "I am ASCENDING to My Father and your Father" –** In this short statement is contained almost the whole of the meaning of the Old Testament sacrifices, and the work of the High Priest in the Temple of Israel. Just as **the High Priest would go once a year** into the Holy of Holies to present the blood of the animal sacrifices **on the Day of Atonement**, **Jesus went into the TRUE Holy of Holies in heaven to present HIS OWN BLOOD on the mercy seat** as a propitiation (atonement) for our sins. All the animal sacrifices and all the work of the priests of Israel was only for one purpose: **to SYMBOLIZE and POINT to the work of Jesus Christ on the cross**, and AFTER He shed His blood on the cross, when He ascended up to heaven to present His blood before God as the ultimate, supreme sacrifice for our sins.

28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but **the WORD of the OATH, which came after the law, appoints the SON** who has been perfected forever.

- **Psalm 110:4** "The _____ has _____ and will not relent, 'You are a _____ _____ according to the _____ of _____.'"