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Heb 8:1-10

v. 1 (NKJV) Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest *[Jesus]*, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. *[Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: John 17:24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.]*

v. 6 [NAS 95] But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

The Melchisedec order is a better priesthood which ministers out of a heavenly realm, a Better covenant.

v. 7 (WEY) For if that first Covenant had been free from imperfection, there would have been no attempt to introduce another.

v. 13 (NKJV) In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Heb 9:1-14

v. 3 (NKJV) and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, 4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; [Deut 10:1-5]

Ark of the Covenant

Exo 25:10-22 [The description of the pattern of the Ark of the Covenant.]

v. 10 (NKJV) "And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

“Shittim wood” or acacia wood, speaking of us as an incorruptible humanity. The shittim wood was very hard, dense wood which would not support insects or rot. It was virtually an incorruptible wood.

Overlaid inside and out with gold, speaking of the divine nature.

Inside the Ark were: the tables of the old covenant, the Law. The Lord wants His word to change us from just having an external word, of keeping laws, into the internal word, illuminated by the Holy Spirit, which becomes our “light of life.” [John 8:12] [Ps 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart….”]

Rom 8:28 (NKJV) And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

I John 3:2 (NKJV) Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Aaron’s rod that budded- The witness against the rebellion of the people. [Num 17:1-11]

The Pot of Manna- This was the testimony of the Lord’s provision for the people in the wilderness. [John 6:30-35] *[Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply [fill, to the full] all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.]* [By the time of Solomon, there was only the tables of the Law in the Ark. I King 8:9]

v. 5 (Wms) and above the chest were the winged creatures, the symbols of God’s glorious presence, overshadowing the mercy seat, of which I cannot now speak in detail. *[Eph 2:21, “…grows into a holy temple in the Lord,”]*

Ex 25:21 [Amp] You shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony <the Ten Commandments> that I will give you. 22 There I will meet with you and, from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are upon the ark of the Testimony, I will speak intimately with you of all which I will give you in commandment to the Israelites. *[This speaks of a new covenant ministry that ministers from the “mercy seat.” John 8:1-11 “…* *Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.” Giving mercy instead of judgment.]*

v. 7 (Wms) but into the second or inner part nobody but the high priest may go, and he only once a year, and never without blood which he offers for himself and for the sins committed in ignorance by the people.

Lev 16:2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.  *[Heb 10:19-23]*

v. 13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not: *[“the censor” not only our worship but us as a living sacrifice]*

v. 12 (Amp) He went once for all into the <Holy of> Holies <of heaven>, not by virtue of the blood of goats and calves <by which to make reconciliation between God and man>, but His own blood, having found and secured a complete redemption (an everlasting release for us).

v. 13 (NLT) Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow could cleanse people’s bodies from ceremonial impurity- 14 (Amp) How much more surely shall the blood of Christ, Who by virtue of <His> eternal Spirit <His own preexistent divine personality> has offered Himself as an unblemished sacrifice to God, purify our consciences from dead works and lifeless observances to serve the <ever> living God?