

40 Days of Prayer & Devotion to Easter

Day 29

As we move closer to Easter, Hebrews chapter 9 reminds us of everything that is significant about Good Friday and the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross that day. The wages of our sin is death, and in verse 22, the writer tells us that without the shedding of blood, there can be no forgiveness.

For so many years, God's people knew this was true, so each year, the high priest would enter into the holy of holies and offer this blood sacrifice to cover the sins of the people. But now, we have a better high priest. Jesus, Himself, enters this holy place for us, not to offer a sacrifice of goats or calves, but to offer Himself and to shed His own blood. And He did not do this to offer Himself many times, but rather once for all to cleanse our conscience from dead works so that we can serve the Living God!

The entire chapter closes with this incredible promise: Jesus is coming again! But this time, it will not be to bear our sins, but instead to bring salvation to those who are eagerly waiting for Him! So, our call today is simple but could not be more significant. Have you been set free from your sin by the greater sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross when He died for you? And if so, are you living and sharing the message of hope, eagerly waiting for a Savior who is coming again?

– Pastor Tavis Hackathorn

How much more will the blood of the Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to serve the living God?

– Hebrews 9:14

