

15 – A SUPERIOR SACRIFICE (HEBREWS 9:16-28)

I. The Nature of a Will (Hebrews 9:16-17)

A. Death is Required (Hebrews 9:16)

- In order for a will or testament to be valid, the writer of the will must die.

B. A Valid Will (Hebrews 9:17)

- The will or testament is in force after the death of the writer of the will.
- While the writer of the will lives, the will has no power.

II. The Law's Requirement (Hebrews 9:18-22)

A. The Dedication of the Law (Hebrews 9:18)

- The writer states that the first covenant or Law required a blood sacrifice.

B. The Blood of the Covenant (Hebrews 9:19-20)

- When Moses presented the Law, he sprinkled the people and the Law with blood.
- Moses stated that this is the Blood of the Covenant that God required.

C. The Tabernacle and Vessels (Hebrews 9:21)

- Moses also sprinkled the Tabernacle and the vessels of ministry with blood.

D. The Necessity of Blood (Hebrews 9:22)

- According to the Law, almost all things are purified or cleanse with blood.
- There is no remission or forgiveness of sin without the shedding or sacrifice of blood.

III. The New Covenant (Hebrews 9:23-28)

A. The Requirement for the Heavens (Hebrews 9:23)

- The heavenly things must be purified with a better sacrifice.

B. Christ's Entrance (Hebrews 9:24-26)

1. Not on Earth (Hebrews 9:24)

- Jesus Christ did not enter the earthly Holy of Holies, which is a reflection of the heavens.

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- Rather Jesus Christ entered into the presence of God for us.

2. Not like the Levitical High Priest (Hebrews 9:25)

- Jesus Christ does not offer or sacrifice himself often as a Levitical priest did.
- The Levitical High priest entered the Holy of Holies once a year with the blood of sacrifices.

3. The Reason (Hebrews 9:26a)

- Jesus would have to suffer continually since the foundation of the earth.

4. One Time Sacrifice (Hebrews 9:26b)

- Jesus Christ appeared once to sacrifice himself for all.
- He appeared to put away our sin through his sacrifice.

C. The Reality for Mankind (Hebrews 9:27)

- The writer expresses a dual reality.
- All men will die and face the judgment of God.

D. The Reality of Christ (Hebrews 9:28)

- Jesus Christ was offered as a sacrifice in order to bear the sins of many.
- He did this for those who would eagerly wait for Jesus' second appearance.