

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's day Prophesying

Message 3: Hebrews as an Exposition of Leviticus

I. Overview:

Leviticus is a book of types with the most fine and detailed typology of Christ, needing the apostle Paul expounding Leviticus in the Epistle to the Hebrews, revealing the marvellous, mysterious, and all-inclusive person of Christ. Christ the Son is the center, the focus, of the book of Hebrews and the essence of the book is God's speaking in the Son, who has declared the Father. In God's creation the Son is the Creator, the Upholder, and the Heir, who destroyed the devil through His death on the cross. Christ is the Captain of our salvation, the merciful, faithful, and great High Priest of saving us to the uttermost, the Forerunner of having entered within the veil, the surety of a better covenant, the Minister in the heavens, the Initiator of a new and living way, and our eternal portion for us to enjoy.

II. Truth and Enlightenment

Day 1 —

A. Why is Leviticus a book of types, needed to be expounded; otherwise, it is difficult for anyone to know this book?

The most fine and detailed types of Christ are in the book of Leviticus, but these types are needed to be expounded and explained. Throughout the centuries, all those who have the proper understanding of Leviticus see the connection between this book and the book of Hebrews. In the book of Hebrews there are many references to the book of Leviticus, especially to the offerings and the priesthood.

B. How do we see Christ portrayed in the types?

C. I. Scofield said that in every chapter of Leviticus we can see Christ. I was helped by the Brethren to see that in Leviticus Christ is portrayed in the types. All the offerings are types, pictures, of Christ. I was helped by the Brethren to see Christ in the types, but did not realize until some time later that the offerings are God's food.

Day 2 —

A. What is the purpose of Christ as unique sacrifice and offering?

As the unique sacrifice and offering, Christ took away all the sacrifices and offerings of the old testament and established Himself as the new testament sacrifices and offerings. Christ is our sacrifice to deal with sin and sins, and He is our offering, our gift, presented to God for God's satisfaction. Christ offered Himself on the cross as the reality of all the offerings.

B. What a wonderful person Christ is, how to reveal to us in Hebrews?

The book of Hebrews chapter after chapter, Paul opens the veil to show us the marvelous, mysterious, all-inclusive person of Christ. In particular, Hebrews speaks of the priesthood of Christ. In chapter 10 we see that this One has become the replacement of all the Old Testament offerings. He came to do God's will. In the New Testament economy, God's will is to replace the Old Testament offerings with Christ.

Day 3 —

A. How's Hebrews reveal the aspects of experiencing and enjoying Christ?

Hebrews reveals that Christ the Son is the center, the focus of Hebrews. In the Godhead He is the effulgence of God's glory and the impress of God's substance. In creation He is the means through which the universe was made, the power that upholds and bears all things, and the Heir appointed to inherit all things. In redemption He accomplished the purification of man's sins and is now sitting on the right hand of God in the heavens.

B. What's the meaning of God speaking in the Son in the New Testament?

In the New Testament age, God has spoken to us in the Son, in the person of the Son. To us, Christ, the Son of God, is the mouthpiece of God, the oracle of God. The Son is God Himself

speaking. To say that God has spoken to us in the Son means that God speaks in Himself. God has spoken in the Son, and the Son is God; this indicates that God speaks in Himself.

Day 4 —

A. How does the Son uphold all things by His word?

After creating all things, the Son became the Upholder. The earth is suspended in the air. There are no columns supporting it. He upholds it by the word of His power. In Hebrews 11:3 we are told that the universe was framed by the word of God, and in 1:3 we see that the universe is upheld by the word of His power. The Son is not only the Creator, but He is also the Upholder.

B. What's He done for us as He is not only the Savior but also the Author?

Jesus, as the Pioneer, the Forerunner, took the lead to enter into glory, and we, His followers, are taking the same way to be brought into the same glory, which was ordained by God for us. He cut the way, and we are now taking the way. Hence, He is not only the Savior who saved us from our fallen state but also the Author who, as the Pioneer, entered into glory that we may be brought into the same estate.

Day 5 —

A. Why is He qualified and able to help us who are being tried?

Christ, as our High Priest, has been tried in all respects like us, but without sin. Since He has been tried, He is qualified and able to help us who are being tried. In all His trials, He was never stained with sin. He suffered the trials without being touched by sin. He is truly equipped to help us to pass through trials and to keep us from any entanglement of sin.

B. Why is Christ able to save us from all kinds of trials and difficulties?

Christ is able to save us because He intercedes for us. As our High Priest, Christ undertakes our case by interceding for us. He appears before God on our behalf, praying for us that we may be saved and brought fully into God's eternal purpose. We need to simply rest in His intercession, trust in it, and enjoy it.

Day 6 —

A. Unveiling the words in Hebrews 10:19-20.

As the Initiator of a new and living way, Christ opened the way for us to enter the Holy of Holies by His blood through the veil, His flesh. This refers to His death on the cross, which rent the veil in the temple to open a new and living way for Him to enter through His own blood into the Holy of Holies, where He is in the direct presence of God, ministering as our High Priest all that God is into our being as our life and life supply.

B. Why do we have boldness to enter the Holy of Holies by His blood?

Through the better sacrifices of Christ, we have boldness to enter into the Holy of Holies. It is not a small thing to enter the Holy of Holies, for there God is sitting on the throne of grace. In order to enter into such a place, we must have boldness, and we have it by Christ's death and by His blood. By the Lord's death and His blood we have the boldness to enter the Holy of Holies at any time.

III. Conclusion:

Leviticus is a book of types, a book of typology; the most fine and detailed types of Christ are in Leviticus. Through the apostle Paul's expounding of Leviticus in the Epistle to the Hebrews, we could have much understanding and appreciating of what a wonderful, mysterious, and all-inclusive person Christ is. This all-inclusive Christ, from God's creation, is God's expression, to destroy the devil, as the Captain of our salvation. As well, He is the merciful, faithful, and great High Priest of saving us to the uttermost, the surety of a better covenant, the Minister of the true tabernacle, the One who entered into the Holy of Holies in the heavens and obtained an eternal redemption. And He is the reality of the all items above; as the priests who serve God must know, enter, and enjoy.