

May 4, 2025
HEBREWS 9:15-22
"It Was Necessary"

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

"The blood of Jesus can quiet one's conscience permanently and lead them to pursue the eternal inheritance of the New Testament relationship." *Zane C. Hodges* That's good news!

In **verse 22** the "almost everything" refers to the poor who were not be able to give an animal for sacrifice but were allowed to bring a flour offering, see **Leviticus 5:11-13**.

Vv 22-23, it was **necessary**. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. The shed blood of Jesus was a sacrifice, not just a death. For believers to obtain this eternal redemption, **v 12**, it was **necessary** for Jesus to sacrificially give His life for those who believe and are waiting for Him, **v 28**.

V 22, Forgiveness, as far as the east is from the west, **Psalm 103:12**; to the bottom of the sea, **Micah 7:19**; blotted out even from memory, **Isaiah 43:25**. The sinner has sin, guilt, and the terror of just punishment clinging to him and the blood of Jesus removes/cleanses the guilty by faith in the sacrifice of Jesus in his place.

V 27, you are destined to die, there is nothing about that truth that you are able to change. Death is not the end because of what follows, judgment. One day all will render an account to God answering the question; What did you do with Jesus?

Jesus is the only Mediator between God and man, if man is to come before God and live in His presence forever, Jesus' sacrifice is the bridge, so to speak, that makes this possible. OT saints were saved by their obedience. This was credited to them according to what Jesus would do on their behalf. Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness, see **Romans 4:3**. So, OT sacrifices were not a means of salvation but marks of faithful obedience and symbols of the perfect sacrifice that was coming. Gleaned from, *John MacArthur*

Application: Lots of people are always late. The one thing you can count on is that you cannot count on them to be here, there, or anywhere on time. But, there is one appointment that everyone is going to keep, their appointment with death. (Unless you are raptured up) (see **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**; **I Corinthians 15:50-58**). It is appointed unto man once to die, and after this, the judgment. Even Jesus was divinely appointed to die. Born once, die twice, born twice, die once; take a week or two and ponder this. **V 24**, speaks of Jesus appearing back in heaven, **v 28** speaks of His appearing on earth again, are you ready? Are your friends and family ready?