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Exodus & Hebrews • October - November 2019

Overview

Hebrews 10 gives an incredible picture of a deep, rich, personal relationship with Jesus. It's something that grows out of how he fulfills and supersedes the priesthood, temple, sacrifices and covenant. However, our appreciation of these things is often undermined because we don't understand the Old Testament like the original readers of Hebrews. We want to take some time to go deeper into the origins of these things in Exodus. It will help us grasp Hebrews in a way that leads us into a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Jesus.

Outline

1. Covenant - Exodus 19-24
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Week 1 • 6 October 2019 • Exodus 19-24

Covenant

1. As you think about Sunday's message, what was new for you or what stood out?
2. With what you now know, how would you describe the purpose of the laws in these chapters and the role they play in the life of a believer today?
3. Exodus 19:5-6 is reflected in 1 Peter 1:9-12 in the purpose of his people on the earth.
 - a. What do these verses show about the importance of the lives we lead?
 - b. What is most challenging about this for you?

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Week 2 • 13 October 2019 • Exodus 25-27 & 30

Tabernacle

1. In light of Sunday's message about the tabernacle, what was most interesting to you and why?
2. What was the overall purpose of the tabernacle? (Exodus 25:8 & 22)
3. Why is the tabernacle significant in the overall narrative of Scripture?
 - a. Genesis 3 (especially vv. 8 & 24)
 - b. John 1:14
 - c. Matthew 28:20
4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. How does a more full understanding of the tabernacle affect how you read these verses? What might change for you as a result?

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Week 3 • 20 October 2019 • Exodus 28

Priesthood

1. In light of Sunday's message about the priesthood, what was most interesting to you and why?
2. What do you now understand about the purpose of the priesthood?
3. What do Exodus 20:18-21 and Job 9:32-34 (Job pre-dates Exodus) reveal about our need for a priest? What would it have been like for these people?
4. How does this make you think differently about Hebrews 10:19-22? In what ways could you make more of the opportunity that is open to us?

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Week 4 • 27 October 2019 • Exodus 32-34

The Broken Covenant

1. What are your reflections on Sunday's sermon? What was most challenging for you and what are you going to do about it?
2. Exodus 32:8 says that the Israelites were 'quick to turn away.'
 - a. How do you see this in your own life? Why do you think this can be the case?
 - b. What does Lamentations 3:22-26 reveal about our God?
3. In Exodus 32:29 Moses praises the Levites for killing their brothers, friends, and neighbours.
 - a. What do you now understand about this?
 - b. What questions do you still have?
4. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says that transformation comes as we contemplate the Lord's glory. Why not take some time to ponder Exodus 34:6-7 silently and then share what you notice.

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Week 5 • 3 November 2019 • Hebrews 7:1-28

The Better Priest

1. Read Hebrews 7 together. In what ways is Jesus' priesthood superior to the priesthood under the law?
2. Melchizedek's name had two meanings; king of righteousness and king of peace. Imagine if the leaders in our world (countries, workplaces, homes) led with these characteristics.
 - a. What would that be like?
 - b. What challenges you here?
3. The new covenant is one in which we (not just the priests) draw near to God. To what extent is this something you are taking advantage of? What are you doing to cultivate a deeper relationship with Jesus?
4. Jesus' priesthood is one of permanence and that actually removes sin completely. Why not read Psalm 103:8-12 and/or Lamentations 3:22-23 and thank God together for what he has done.

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Week 6 • 10 November 2019 • Hebrews 8:1 - 9:15

The Better Covenant & Tabernacle

1. The tabernacle is described as a 'shadow' (Hebrews 8:5 & 10:12). What is it about shadows that make them a great metaphor for the difference between the old and the new covenant?

Hebrews 8:6 says that the new covenant established better promises.

2. Have a look at Leviticus 26:1-13.
 - a. What was the nature of the promises under the law?
 - b. What did these promises also come with? (Leviticus 26:14, etc)
3. According to the following verses, what promises come with the new covenant through Jesus? (8:10-12, 9:14-15). Are there other new covenant promises you know about elsewhere in Scripture?
4. In all that we are discovering, how is God challenging you to apply these things to everyday life?

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Week 7 • 17 November 2019 • Hebrews 9:16 - 10:18

The Better Sacrifice

1. What is the difference between the first time Jesus came and the second? (Hebrews 9:27-28). How is your perspective on life affected by an understanding that we're waiting for him to return?
2. We are made holy because Jesus didn't come to present sacrifices but to do God's will (which was for him to be a sacrifice!).
 - a. What does Romans 12:1 say about this?
 - b. What great things might be accomplished in our lives where we are seeking to do God's will?
 - c. What helps or hinders here?
3. What is the conclusion that Hebrews 10:18 comes to? Are there ways in which you are still trying to make up for sin? How do you think God would have you act differently?

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Week 8 • 24 November 2019 • Hebrews 10:19-39

The Better Way

1. What will be your main takeaway from this series?
2. In light of Jesus, we're urged to draw new, hold unwaveringly, spur one another along and keep meeting to encourage one another.
 - a. What reasons are given for this?
 - b. How can your life group community help one another in this?
3. We're told to hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess.
 - a. Are there moments of doubt that come up for you?
 - b. What are some ways people have found to deal with doubt and how can we help one another with this?
4. Some of the readers had been tempted to go back to Judaism. By contrast, when they first believed, they were willing to undergo incredible hardship for their belief in Jesus (v32-35).
 - a. To what extent can you relate to this?
 - b. Are you more or less passionate about following Jesus now than when you first believed? Why or why not?

