

Hebrews part 7 - A Shadow of Love

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Two laws mentioned in Romans 8:2. The law of life in Christ and the law of sin and death.

Romans 8

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

2 Corinthians 3

7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraved in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

Hebrews 10

1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Colossians 2

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

The holy days mentioned portray the changes we experience as we grow in the knowledge the truth.

Hebrews 7

18 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.

19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers **once purged should have had **no more conscience of sins**.**

Perfection and purged are defined as having no more conscience of sins!

Purged of what?

Hebrews 9:26...puts away sin...

Hebrews 9:28...lifts up (bears) the sins...

Hebrews 10:4...takes away sins...

Matthew 23

25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

26 Thou blind Pharisee, **cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.**

Coming to the cross and believing the doctrinal truth of God's love will purge us of all

sin. It will purge the conscience, the inside of the cup.

3 *But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance <G364 - recollection> again made of sins every year.*

1 Corinthians 11

24 *And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance <G364 - recollection> of me.*

25 *After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance <G364 - recollection> of me.*

4 *For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

Killing an animal may have helped a little in ridding us of guilt, but it could never help the victim let go of what was done to him. Sin can never be paid for. God does not pay for sin but allows us a way of letting it go. This is why Christ Himself needed to be put to death by us. To see the Father's love toward humanity empowers us to conform to His spirit.

My Ears Have You Opened

5 *Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou would not, but **a body hast thou prepared me:***

6 *In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.*

7 *Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.*

Sometimes when we read a Psalm we wonder if David was speaking of himself or Christ. In this Psalm we should know it could not be speaking of David!

Psalms 40

1 *I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.*

2 *He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.*

3 *And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.*

4 *Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respects not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.*

5 *Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.*

6 ***Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.***

Isaiah 42

18 *Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.*

19 *Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind **as he that is perfect**, and blind as the Lord's servant?*

20 *Seeing many things, but thou observe not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.*

21 *The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law (of love), and make it honorable.*

7 ***Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,***

8 ***I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law (of love) is within my heart.***

9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

10 I have not hid <thy> righteousness within my heart; I have declared <thy> faithfulness and <thy> salvation: I have not concealed <thy> loving-kindness and <thy> truth from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy **tender mercies <H7356 - womb>** from me, O Lord: **let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.**

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: **mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart fails me.**

Judges 14

19 And **the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.**

2 Kings 1

8 And they answered him, He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down.

10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, **If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.**

11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.

12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, **If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.**

13 And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight.

14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

15 And **the angel of the Lord** said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

Compare:

Luke 9

51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, **wilt thou that we**

command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?
55 *But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, **Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.***
56 *For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.*

13 *Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.*
14 *Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.*
15 *Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.*
16 *Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.*
17 *But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.*

The Power of Love

Hebrews 10

8 *Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou would not, neither had pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;*
9 *Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second **(covenant of love).***
10 *By the which will **we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.***

In Psalms 40 Christ is taking away the first covenant and showing how He will establish the New Covenant.

Luke 16

16 *The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man press into it.*

Matthew 11

11 *Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding **he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.***
12 *And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.*
13 *For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.*

Matthew 3

1 *In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,*
2 *And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*
3 *For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.*
4 *And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.*
5 *Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,*
6 *And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.*
7 *But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, **O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to***

come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

People who died before the cross did not see the love of God portrayed.

At the end of the world God will have an army of 144,000 experiencing the kingdom of God and delivering the gospel to the world.

9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second (**covenant of love**).

10 By the which will **we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all**.

11 And every priest stands daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

13 **From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.**

14 For by one offering **he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.**

15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for **after that he had said before,**

16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

17 And their sins and iniquities **will I remember no more.**

18 **Now where remission (deliverance not forgiveness) of these is, there is no more offering for sin.** (Compare :26)

Hold Fast Your Profession

19 Having therefore, brethren, **boldness to enter into the holiest** (God's way of thinking) by the blood of Jesus,

20 **By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;**

21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near **(to God)** with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24 And **let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:**

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Ephesians 4

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted **by that which every joint supplieth**, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body **unto the edifying of itself in love.**

26 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, **there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,**

27 *But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.*

28 *He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:*

29 *Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, **wherewith he was sanctified**, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*

30 *For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.*

31 *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Our greatest trial may be what is depicted in Revelation 11.

32 *But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;*

33 *Partly, **whilst ye were made a gazing stock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.***

34 *For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, **and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods**, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.*

35 *Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.*

36 *For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.*

37 *For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.*

38 *Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*

39 ***But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.***