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LSF / LCMS U Bible Study – Hebrews
Tuesday, March 11th, 2014

A Study of the Book of Hebrews: God Speaks to Us through His Son

Lesson 8: Hebrews 8, “The Point of It All: Our High Priest of the New Covenant”

Part 1: Heb 8:1-7, “Christ Is the Minister of the Better Covenant”

1. How has everything we have learned so far been building up to this point?

2. Verse 2 should be translated “minister of the holy things.”
 - a. How is Jesus considered a “minister”?

 - b. What are the Holy Things with which he serves us?

 - c. How then are our pastors also “ministers of the holy things”?

3. If we understand verse 2 as “holy places,” how does it make the verse slightly redundant?

4. Nonetheless, what important thing in the Old Testament does “tent” refer to?

5. The word σκηνή appears first in the book of Hebrews here. How is it used elsewhere in Scripture? (See John 1:14; Acts 7:44; Rev 21:3)

6. How does it also refer to Heaven? (See Rev 12:12; 13:8)

7. How was the tabernacle and everything in it merely copies or “types” of the “heavenly things” that we have now? (v 5)

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8. What is the basis of the new covenant? (v 6)

9. What was the basis of the old covenant (see 7:18-19) Yet, what did it point to?

Part 2: Heb 8:8-13, “The New Covenant Obsoletes the Old”

10. When was the old covenant established? (v 8)

11. What were the failings of the old covenant?

12. Luther interprets verse 10 this way, “This light of understanding in the mind, I say, and this flame in the heart is the law of faith, the new law, the law of Christ, the law of the Spirit, the law of grace. It justifies, fulfills everything, and crucifies the lusts of the flesh. Thus St. Augustine says beautifully on this passage: ‘In a sense the man who with a love or righteousness lives righteously lives the Law itself’” (AE 27:234). How does this clarify verse 10, “I will put my laws into their minds”?

13. How is the Gospel much clearer and easier to teach? (v 11)

14. The author calls the old covenant “obsolete.” How does Paul censure those in Galatia who would return to it? (See Gal. 5:1-6)

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Every Sunday:

Services at 8:00 and 10:30, with Bible study hour at 9:15.

Every Tuesday:

Dinner at 6:30 and Bible study at 7:00.

Upcoming Events:

March 29th: Paintball?

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