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Our Great High Priest

Sermon Notes

Preached by: Brother Scott Rosen – 6/30/13
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Text: Hebrews 8:1-13

The Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur is a major part of worship that occurs once a year in Israel. Some towns that have a high Jewish population will celebrate it and the town schools will close for the day should it fall during the week. The Day of Atonement was a celebration feast in which no work was to be done (cf. Lev. 16:2-34) and the feast involved two sacrifices. The priest had to make atonements for himself and the tabernacle prior to making atonement for the people. Later in Lev. 16,

we see the purpose of the Day of Atonement. This was declared by the Lord to be an everlasting statute for them. This celebration was to continue once a year every year. However, the Romans destroyed the temple wherein they continued this tradition in AD 70. So how did this continue?

We enter the discussion from the approach taken by the author of Hebrews (believed to be Paul) in 8:1. The author was writing to a group of Jewish believers and non-believers who were intrigued at the Gospel. So, in convincing his readers, the author made references in chapters 7-10 of the Book of Hebrews to the Jewish traditions established and observed in the O.T., some of which continue to this day. The Levitical priests had to trace their lineage back to the tribe of Levi. The high priest was the top one. Our Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ, was "after the order of Melchizedek" (Gen. 14; Heb. 7:16-28). Christ is another Priest, but He did not have to offer atonement for Himself. The other priests were wicked and sinful (Nadab and Abihu, cf. Lev. 10 as one such example); but Christ was not. We have such a High Priest today who built a "true tabernacle" (v.2). The first tabernacle was "a figure for the time present...that could not make him that did the service perfect" (9:9). The Lord pictured the true tabernacle. It was not the building itself. It is in Heaven itself (9:11,24). The high priest always had to offer something for sins. Our Great High Priest offered His body and His blood on Calvary's cruel cross for us (v.3; 9:12-14).

Christ could not have been a priest (note the lower case "p") on earth (v.4-5). Yet He could be the Great High Priest. The gifts that were given in the tabernacle were a picture, or a type, of Christ (10:1). These gifts could not satisfy God's requirement. They provided no salvation. The "better covenant" is effectual and permanent and provides salvation (v.6; 9:14). The past rituals at best are symbolic that God wanted to represent in Heaven. At worst they were done in vain (10:8-10). God takes no pleasure in these offerings. Christ had thereby abolished the old, first covenant.

The first system could not save man. Man and his sin could not keep the commandments. The old covenant passed away (v.8). The rebellion of Israel forced the first covenant to end for good. Men were now at the mercy of God Almighty. However, Christ died for us and allowed us to be reconciled unto God (v.9-12; Jer. 31:31-34). The new covenant is really the oldest covenant (cf. I Pet. 1:20). God saw man's need for a Saviour. How were O.T. saints saved? By believing in Christ and what He would do for all, even though He was yet to come (9:15). They were saved by that future work. They may not have fully comprehended it, but they were saved by a Sacrifice yet to come in flesh, but He was slain from the foundation of the world (cf. Rev. 13:8). God gives and sees no pleasure in rituals, non-believer or believer. Christian, is your mind and mine on God? It should be. Do you and I truly see God when we come to Him in worship, in prayer? We can come before Him, the Great High Priest. Do we seek His help or are we too proud to seek Him and seek our own way of getting through everything.

If you keep rituals, or try to do good works as a way of life to try and earn your way to Heaven, it will not work. The old system was really nothing but a shadow. God had no pleasure in the sacrificial system. What about your system today? Works and sacrifices have "vanished away" (v.13). The Jews can no longer traditionally observe these holidays as such. Soon the Temple was gone. There are no sacrifices being observed today. The Day of Atonement could not be fulfilled like it was in the days of its establishment in the Book of Leviticus. Yet today, our Great High Priest offers atonement for our sins. No more rituals in your life are necessary. Come to the High Priest.

Never Forget That Jesus' Coming is "Imminent" (any moment)

By: Pastor David Smith of Community Baptist Church – Quakertown, PA

Over 300 prophecies of His first coming have been fulfilled. 1 Thessalonians 4:14 tells us that His coming is **As Sure As His Death And Resurrection**. Some preachers would have us believe that Jesus' coming couldn't be imminent because of what Jesus told Peter and Paul about their own destinies while He was yet alive, but let's remember that these men were Apostles and any short-term revelation given them did not mitigate the any-moment expectancy of His return any more than it does for us knowing that He didn't come yesterday or last week. No matter what we do know, the exact moment of His coming is still unknown to us. Our responsibility is to live daily with a fourfold vision:

#1. A forward look of anticipation for His any moment return. There is a reward promised to all those who "love" His appearing (2 Timothy 4:8).

#2. An upward look of expectation like Paul who told us he was "stretching his neck" gazing at the heavens for the prospect of Jesus descent (Philippians 3:20).

#3. An inward look of introspection making sure all is right with God in our character and conduct (1 John 2:28; 3:1-3)

#4. An outward look of occupation (Luke 19:13) as we labor to be found acceptable to Him and endeavor to bring lost people to repent and place their faith in Him for eternal salvation. Remember you can read all the books on prophecy and the commentaries, but the best commentary on the **Coming Of Jesus Is The Perfect Word Of God**. Jesus made the promise of His imminent coming and He will keep the promise of His coming. Let's determine to **Be Ready Always**.

Every Idle Word (By: Craig Glickman)

TEXT: Matthew 12:36-37

This passage, spoken by Jesus, is very important and needs to be memorized, considered and taken seriously, as should all scripture! Just think about it, every idle word that we say, we will give account of in the day of judgment! This ought to make us be very careful about guarding our tongues and making sure our speech is pleasing to Christ. Are you or I saying things that might hurt or offend others. Maybe it is sarcastic! Is what you are about to say something that will be pure, honor and glorify Him and help edify or encourage the person(s) you are speaking to? The Lord has led me to do a study on this passage.

Related Passages: Matt. 12:24-35; Mark 3:22-30; Luke 11:14-26; 12:8-10 – The unpardonable sin ---- Matt. 41:42, Mark 6:11 (Matt. 10:15, Rev. 20:11) – The Day of Judgment

A. But I say unto you

1. This form of speaking is used, the more strongly to asseverate (*assert earnestly*) the truth of what is after said; and the rather, because men are apt to indulge a liberty with their tongues; fancying no great crime is committed, when only words are spoken, and no facts done; (*Gil's Exposition of the Entire Bible*)

B. Every Idle word that men shall speak

1. Idle word - This literally means a vain, negative effecting, nothing, thoughtless, profitless, *useless

and/or morally useless word; a word that accomplishes no good. Here it means, evidently, "wicked, injurious, false, malicious" for such were the words which they had spoken. (*II Pet. 1:8, cf. Luke 13:7, Matt. 20:3,6) (*Barnes' notes on the Bible*)

2. By an "idle word" is meant, what the Jews call, , "light conversation", and , "vain discourse", as the Hebrew Gospel of *Munster reads it here; frothy language, unprofitable talk, which, though it does not directly hurt God or man, yet is of no use to speaker or hearer. (*Gil's Exposition of the Entire Bible*)

***Sebastian Münster (20 January 1488 – 26 May 1552)**

The Munster Matthew is a mediaeval manuscript containing a version of the Gospel of Matthew, written in the Hebrew language. The manuscript originates with Sebastian Munster, who received the text from Jews he had converted to Christianity in the 1550s. Apparently, these Jewish converts had been using the text to understand the Christian religion in order to counter it... <http://hebrewnewtestament.com/shemtob.htm>

3. Matt.12:33-37 Men's language discovers what country they are of, likewise what manner of spirit they are of. The heart is the fountain, words are the streams. A troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring, must send forth muddy and unpleasant streams. Nothing but the salt of grace, cast into the spring, will heal the waters, season the speech, and purify the corrupt communication. An evil man has an evil treasure in his heart, and out of it brings forth evil things. Lusts and corruptions, dwelling and reigning in the heart, are an evil treasure, out of which the sinner brings forth bad words and actions, to dishonour God, and hurt others. Let us keep constant watch over ourselves, that we may speak words agreeable to the Christian character. (*Matthew Henry's concise commentary*)

C. They shall give account there of in the day of judgment

1. 1 Pet. 4:5 - Christ is our Judge - Acts 10:42

2. ...And yet even this, in the last general and awful judgment, if not forgiven, and repented of, must be accounted for; and much more such horrid blasphemies the Pharisees had vented against Christ, and the Spirit of Christ. The Jews (*) have a saying pretty much like this, "That even , "for any light conversation", which passes between a man and his wife, he shall "be brought to judgment"." (*) R. Jonah apud L. Capell. in loc. (*Gil's Exposition of the Entire Bible*)

D. For by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned

1. The disciples may have said, "It was nothing: we meant no evil; we merely threw out a supposition, as one way of accounting for the miracle we witnessed; if it will not stand, let it go; why make so much of it, and bear down with such severity for it?" Jesus replies, "It was not nothing, and at the great day will not be treated as nothing: Words, as the index of the heart, however idle they may seem, will be taken account of, whether good or bad, in estimating character in the day of judgment." (*Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary*)

2. This is humbling! It's a real eye opener! Think about the Bible fact that we all will give account, as believers, at the Bema seat for what we said in public, in private, and to God Himself!

Dear believer, before you or I speak, let us humble ourselves before our almighty, thrice holy God and consider this passage?

"Account" (Part 10) (By: Craig Glickman)

This is the continuation of a long, yet informative study on every appearance of the word “account” in the Bible. This word appears 31 times in the King James Version (*Account, Accounted, Accounting, Accounts*). For sake of space, I will show only the reference but I encourage you to take your Bible and read the passages.

Deuteronomy 2:20 – In our passage we read, “(that also was accounted (*reckoned*) a land of giants.” *Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary* applies this:

Deut. 2:8-23 – We have the origin of the Moabites, Edomites, and Ammonites. Moses also gives an instance older than any of these; the Caphtorims drove the Avims out of their country. These revolutions show what uncertain things worldly possessions are. It was so of old, and ever will be so. Families decline, and from them estates are transferred to families that increase; so little continuance is there in these things. This is recorded to encourage the children of Israel. If the providence of God has done this for Moabites and Ammonites, much more would his promise do it for Israel, his peculiar people. Cautions are given not to meddle with Moabites and Ammonites. Even wicked men must not be wronged. God gives and preserves outward blessings to wicked men; these are not the best things, he has better in store for his own children.

1 Kings 10:21 – Once again, 'accounted' in this verse refers to the word 'reckoned'. *Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary* applies this:

1 Kings 10:14-29 – Solomon increased his wealth. Silver was nothing accounted of. Such is the nature of worldly wealth, plenty of it makes it the less valuable; much more should the enjoyment of spiritual riches lessen our esteem of all earthly possessions. If gold in abundance makes silver to be despised, shall not wisdom, and grace, and the foretastes of heaven, which are far better than gold, make gold to be lightly esteemed? See in Solomon's greatness the performance of God's promise, and let it encourage us to seek first the righteousness of God's kingdom. This was he, who, having tasted all earthly enjoyments, wrote a book, to show the vanity of all worldly things, the vexation of spirit that attends them, and the folly of setting our hearts upon them: and to recommend serious godliness, as that which will do unspeakably more to make us happy, than all the wealth and power he was master of; and, through the grace of God, it is within our reach.

Emotions in The Bible (By: Craig Glickman)

There are many verses and passages in the Bible that relate to emotions and feelings of man and our Lord Himself in trials, suffering, affliction, and of course peace and joy. The following is an ongoing study of passages that have convicted, comforted, edified, encouraged or blessed me through hearing messages, devotions and studies over the years. I hope this is a blessing and help to you and I, and that the Lord may be honored and glorified in this series of studies on emotions in the Bible. Each issue, Lord willing, will have a verse or passage in the Bible covered. I am excited and privileged to do this. Praise God! I intend to break each passage down into the following: **Passage, Emotion(s), Cause, Effect, What does the passage say?, What does the passage say to you and I?, What should you and I do about it?, How do you and I stay accountable?**

Passage: Matthew 9:36

Emotion(s): Compassion

Cause: The multitudes fainted and were scattered

Effect: Jesus is moved with compassion for these and all souls

What does the passage say?: Jesus kept His eyes open for people everywhere He went. (Matt. 9:35)

We are continually tempted to be selfish in our service for Jesus Christ by serving people only according to our schedule, our plans, our emotions and feelings and our ideas. We see in our passage that Jesus was moved with compassion for these dear souls who were fainted and scattered. Are you moved with compassion for the multitudes?

What does the passage say to you and I?: We should often ask God's Spirit to cross our path with those people whom Jesus would help if He were in our shoes today. For example, God is crossing my path with a parking attendant or a toll worker. Should I just say, "thank you" and move on? Or...should I share the gospel with them? By sharing the gospel with them, I have chosen to care and to love them.

What should you and I do about it?: We don't cultivate compassion by micro-managing God's will for us for Him. We need less of us and more of God. John the Baptist said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30) There is no doubt that there is a love deficiency in our hearts that God wants to make healthy and whole. One way to cultivate compassion is by loving all people we see no matter their personality, background, etc. (John 5:36) What possible future missionary to one of the 257 nations of the world did we bypass yesterday? A 2nd way is to hate all sin you see. (Amos 5:14-15) At a first honest look at sin it is disgusting, but as we look and look, and tolerate and tolerate, and accept and accept, it becomes less and less offensive to us. Don't tolerate sin; Hate sin! Lastly, Don't faint in looking at the multitudes. (Matt. 9:36-38) The multitudes are faint. Because of this...

How do you and I stay accountable?: ...Be careful not to serve God selfishly. We must be strong in our walk with God and we must pray for more people who will labor with us to love all people and hate all sin. We should be willing to talk to God about everything and talk to everyone about God. Dear believer, may you and I have the love of the multitudes as our precious Lord and Savior does!

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

How Can Man Be Justified With God? (Job 25:4)

By Grace – the Source of Justification

"Being *justified* freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24).

By Faith – the Principle of Justification

"Therefore, being *justified* by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

By Blood – the Ground of Justification

"Much more than, being now *justified* by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him" (Romans 5:9).

By God – the Agent of Justification

"It is God that *justifieth*...that He might be just, and the *justifier* of him which believeth in Jesus" (Romans 8:33; 3:26).

:) Children For Christ :)

Three Tenacious Teens

Memory Verse: Mark 16:15 – “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Please read the following story:

A trio of junior high age boys were going house to house passing out tracts. At one home they were gruffly told to get off the porch. When they got to the next home, one of the boys felt led to go back to the gruff man's house.

They returned and were again told, in no uncertain terms, to leave the porch. As they left, the boys told the man they were leaving a gospel tract and hoped he would read it.

The three young evangelists finished the houses on the block. It was then the Holy Spirit prompted them to return to that one home for a third time. Obeying God's prompting they returned to find “Mr. Gruff” sitting on his porch reading the tract!

“I was hoping you guys would come back,” he said. “Can you explain this to me?”

These three young men did just that and the man prayed to receive Christ! He called over his wife and two children who were inside the house and said, “would you boys tell them about this?”

That day a man, his wife, and two children came to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour! Why? Because three junior highers were tenacious, they listened to the voice of God in their souls, and they believed that junior highers could be used to lead people to Christ! *--Edited from BTB 7/13*

Based on this story, please answer the following questions:

1. Do you desire to share the gospel with others?
2. Do you desire to pass out gospel tracts?
3. Are you willing to face opposition?
4. Do you listen for the Holy Spirit's prompting?
5. Are you faithful to your local church's outreach ministry?

<p>“Live as though Jesus Christ died yesterday, rose again today and is coming tomorrow.”</p>	<p>“The Successful Life: “Biblical success cannot be measured by the standards of the world, but rather by the Word. Never swallow the lie that accumulation of wealth and wants is equal to a successful life. True success is found in living life by the Book; denying oneself, taking up the cross, and following Christ!”</p>
<p>“God will put a (.) where you put a (?).”</p>	<p>“Your love for God is measured by your obedience to His word.”</p>

“Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.”

-Charles H. Spurgeon

Praises

- Praise God for the privilege of sharing the gospel!

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the condition of this nation following the abomination that has occurred with the DOMA decision.
- Needs of the body of Heritage Baptist Church
- Pray for salvation and needs of those affected by the tragedy in Boston, MA on April 15th.
- Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)
- Lacroix family and friend Rick (Salvation)
- Rusty and family, Jose, Gary, Rudney (Salvation)
- Outreach of Heritage Baptist Church

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Thank you for reading this. We praise God for all our dear brothers and sisters in Christ and we greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

His Servants,

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Prov. 3:5-6

1 Thes. 5:18

