

# THE BOOK OF HEBREWS



## 9. Jesus offers his own Blood

*(Leader's Notes)*

### Introduction

The Bible says that in the last days the love of many will grow cold. There is a great danger of backsliding, and even in the time when the Book of Hebrews was written, this was happening. That is why the author writes about Jesus as our Great High Priest and tells us that it is important we understand what Jesus has done for us. In this study we are going to learn about the power of the blood of Jesus.

### Scripture Reading:            Hebrews 9:11-28

- ❖ People don't mind talking about Jesus, but sometimes feel uncomfortable when you mention the blood of Jesus. Why do you think that is?
- ❖ Although some may find it difficult to speak about the blood of Jesus, it is very important in the Word of God. What is the difference between the blood of animals and the blood of Jesus? V13-14, 25-26  

<i>(The blood of animals offered by the priests</i>	<i>The blood of Jesus</i>
- <i>Only made a person outwardly clean</i>	- <i>Made a person inwardly clean</i>
- <i>Had to be offered again and again</i>	- <i>Had to be offered only one time</i>
- <i>It was only the blood of animals</i>	- <i>It was the blood Jesus himself</i>
- ❖ What can the blood of Jesus do in our lives according to v14 and v22?  
*(v14 – it cleanses our consciences and we are set free from guilt, to serve God*  
*V22 – it cleanses and provides forgiveness)*
- ❖ What else can we learn about the importance of the blood from Leviticus 17:11-12 and Romans 3:25?  
*(Blood is a symbol of life and is therefore sacred. All the Old Testament sacrifices involved blood, showing that atonement or forgiveness involves the giving of one life for another. When Jesus shed his blood, he was giving his life for ours, so we could be atoned for and receive forgiveness.)*
- ❖ In Revelation 12:11 it says, 'they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb.' How can we overcome Satan by the blood of Jesus in our daily lives? Discuss.  
*(When there is any sin in our lives Satan has the legal right to attack us. However when we have repented of every sin and are living a holy life, Satan has no right over our lives. He may try to attack us, but we can confidently rebuke him and we will overcome, because we are cleansed and covered in the blood of Jesus.)*

#### Consider

The forgiveness of our sin was costly for Jesus. It cost his life! Think of some examples in human relationships when forgiveness has cost someone a great deal. Why is forgiveness costly to us?

- ❖ If it is difficult to forgive, why does God command us to do so? How can knowing the truth about the blood of Jesus help us to obey?

*(God commands us to forgive because he has forgiven us. Although it may be difficult, as we think about what it cost Jesus, we will realise that our sacrifice is small indeed. Not only that, if we fail to forgive, we will not receive his forgiveness, and this should motivate us to obey his command. As we realise the power of the blood of Jesus, we will be able to rise above the enemy who would try and keep us trapped in un-forgiveness and bitterness.)*

- ❖ At the end of this chapter it speaks about the judgement and the second coming of Jesus. See v27-28. Why is it so important that we know the power of the blood of Jesus in the light of these great events that will take place?

## Conclusion

There is an old chorus that goes, 'there is power, power, wonder-working power, in the blood of the Lamb...' Although the song is old, the truth remains the same. There is power in the blood of Jesus to forgive us from our sin, free us from guilt and shame, to set us free from the bondages of Satan, and provide protection from the enemies attacks. Hallelujah! Jesus has entered the Most Holy Place 'once for all by his own blood.'