



August 27, 2023

## **SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:**

## Hebrews 9:23-28

<sup>23</sup> Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. <sup>24</sup> For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. <sup>1</sup>

## **D-GROUP AGENDA**

# Welcome & Catch Up

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

#### Read It

Read the scripture passage, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

# **Study It**

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God's truth. Here are a few good books on Hebrews and Leviticus.

Hughes, R. Kent. *Hebrews: An Anchor for the Soul. Preaching the Word Commentary*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.

Mathews, Kenneth A. *Leviticus: Holy God, Holy People. Preaching the Word Commentary.* Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2009.

Moseley, Allan. Leviticus. Christ-Centered Exposition. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2015.

Mohler, R. Albert, Jr. *Exalting Jesus in Hebrews: Christ-Centered Exposition*. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Holy Bible: English Standard Version. (2016). (Heb 9:23–28). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Schreiner, Thomas R. *Hebrews. Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2020.

Wiersbe, Warren. *The Bible Exposition Commentary, New Testament, Volume 2.* Colorado Springs, CO: Victor, 2001.

#### **Review It**

Why would the tabernacle be called a copy? What is the purpose of having a copy like this? Why would the copy need to be cleansed? What does this mean regarding the cleansing of heaven?

This passage, as prior ones, are literally saturated in blood language. When you read such, what is your reaction?

What does it mean to not keep putting Jesus on the cross? Why do some continually do so?

## **Five Questions**

- 1. What did you like about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
- 2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
- 3. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about God?
- 4. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
- 5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week's sermon?

## **Prayer**

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.