

***“It Will Be Worth It All!”***  
***Hebrews 9:23-28***

**Introduction:**

1. Many Of You Are Familiar With The Song Written And Composed By Esther Rusthoi That Says:
  - Oft times the day seems long, our trials hard to bear,  
We're tempted to complain, to murmur and despair;  
But Christ will soon appear to catch His Bride away,  
All tears forever over in God's eternal day.
    - It will be worth it all when we see Jesus,  
Life's trials will seem so small when we see Christ;  
One glimpse of His dear face all sorrow will erase,  
So bravely run the race till we see Christ!
2. This Morning, As We Finish Looking At Hebrews 9, I Pray That You Too Can Say: “It Will Be Worth It All When We See Jesus!”
  - Read Hebrews 9:23-28.
3. These Verses Continue To Develop The Theme That Jesus Christ Is A Better And Greater High Priest For His People!
  - And This Is Based On The Fact That He Has Offered A Better And Greater Offering For Sin!
    - The Offering Of Himself!
    - In The OT, Sacrifices Were Required In Order To Enter The Presence Of God! What Did The OT Sacrifices Do For The People? In Hebrews 9:19-21, We Have A Description Of A Sprinkling Of The Blood Of The Animal Sacrifices God Told Them To Perform! This Is Also Seen In Exodus 24:8 - “And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.” But, Then, Look What Happened As A Result Of This In Exodus 24:9-11 - “Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink!”
    - And Yet, The Sacrifice Of Jesus Christ Provided For This, And So Much More!
  - And It Is On The Basis Of Christ’s Offering, That We Can “See” Jesus The Way We Do In These Verses!
4. I Would Like To Focus Our Attention On The Three Separate But Very Closely Related “Appearances” That We Find In These Verses:
  - Verses 23-24 Describe One Appearance:
    - Where He “Appears In The Presence Of God For Us!”
  - Verses 25-26 Describe Another Appearance:
    - Where He “Appeared To Put Away Sin By The Sacrifice Of Himself!”
  - Verses 27-28 Describe A Final Appearance:
    - Where “Shall He Appear The Second Time Without Sin Unto Salvation!”
  - Although We See The Word “Appear” Three Times In These Verses, These Appearances Are All Very Unique, And Yet They Are All Based Upon The Precious Sacrifice That Jesus Christ Make On The Cross For Sin!
5. What Are These Appearances?
  - The Present Appearance Of Christ!
  - The Past Appearance Of Christ!
  - The Promised Appearance Of Christ!

\* First, Let’s Look At:

**1. *The Present Appearance Of Christ!***

- 9:23-24 - “It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us!”

- Here, We ***Look Up*** And See Where Jesus Is Today & What Jesus Is Doing!

- Jesus Christ Continues To Appear For Us!
  - Hebrews 7:25 - “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them!”
- Who Is Jesus Appearing To?
  - “God”
  - “Appear” - To Show Oneself - To Declare & To Show - Like A Lawyer Appearing Before A Judge
- What Is Jesus Appearing For?
  - “For Us!”
  - His Own People That He Purchased With His Own Blood!
    - He Is Displaying The “Exhibits” Of His New Covenant, His Death & His Blood To The Great God & Judge Of This World – To Show That He Has Paid It All For Us!
- How Can Jesus Appear For Us?
  - The Basis Of This Present Appearance Is The Unique Sacrifice Of The Lord!
  - Not Only Do We Have Three Separate Appearances In These Verses, But We Also Have Three Contrasts That Show How Precious & Powerful The Sacrifice Of Christ Is!
  - Verse 23 Describes How It Was “Necessary” To “Purify” & “Dedicate” Everything That Pertained To The Old Testament Sacrifices!
    - Why Was It Necessary? Because It Was Required By God’s Law & Because It Revealed The Weakness Of Those Sacrifices!
    - But Then Verse 24 Describes That It Was “Necessary” To “Purify” & “Dedicate” The “Heavenly Things Themselves With Better Sacrifices Than These!”
      - And The **Better Sacrifice** That Christ Himself Made Permitted Him To “Appear In The Presence Of God For Us!”
- Why Is Jesus Appearing For Us?
  - Because Not One Of Us Can – Except Through Him!

\* Second, Let’s Look At:

2. ***The Past Appearance Of Christ!***

- 9:25-26 - “Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself!”
  - Here, We **Look Back** And See Where Jesus Was & What Jesus Did!
  - Jesus Christ Came To Appear To Us!
- Who Did Jesus Appear To?
  - To The World!
  - “Appeared” - To Make Manifest, Visible Or Known Clearly What Has Been Hidden!
- What Did Jesus Appear For?
  - To Finally Reveal The “Climax Of The Ages!”
  - “The End Of The World” - Obviously Does Not Mean The Point At Which The World Ends & Time Stops!
    - “End” - Means Fulfillment!
    - Galatians 4:4-5 - “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons!”
    - Ephesians 1:10 - “That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him!”
- How Did Jesus Appear?
  - The Basis Of This Past Appearance Was For The Unique Sacrifice Of The Lord!
  - Verse 25 Describes The Continual Process Of Sacrifices That The OT Priest Had To Perform!
  - But Then Verse 26 Describes The Single Sacrifice That Christ Had To Perform!
    - “Once!”
    - Hebrews 7:27 - “Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people’s: for this he did once, when he offered up

himself!”

- Hebrews 9:12 - “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us!”

- And The **Single Sacrifice** That Christ Himself Made Was The “Climax Of The Ages!”

- Why Did Jesus Appear?

- “Christ Was Sent Intentionally” – To Save! Are You?

\* Third, Let’s Look At:

**3. The Promised Appearance Of Christ!**

- 9:27-28 - “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation!”

- Here, We **Look Forward** And See Where Jesus Will Be & What Jesus Will Do!

- Jesus Christ Will Come To Appear Unto Us!

- Who Will Jesus Appear To?

- “Them That Look For Him!”

- “Appear” - To Be Seen Visibly With The Eye!

- Romans 8:23 - “And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body!”

- With Faith, Love, Longing, Patience, & Preparation!

- What Will Jesus Appear For?

- “Salvation!”

- He Came The 1<sup>st</sup> Time To Bear Our Sins!

- He Will Come This 2<sup>nd</sup> Time “Without Sin” – Our Sin – It’s Gone!

- And He Will Fulfill Our Salvation!

- How Will Jesus Appear?

- The Basis Of This Promised Appearance Is The Unique Sacrifice Of The Lord!

- Verse 27 Describes The Fact That Man Has Only 1 Life & 1 Death – And This Is One Reason It Would Be Impossible For Just A Man To Put Away Sin!

- But Then Verse 28 Describes How Jesus Christ, Also, As A Man, Had Only 1 Life & 1 Death – But, It Is Jesus Christ As God That Adds The Infinite Value Necessary To Provide Salvation!

- And The **Effective Sacrifice** That Jesus Made Gives Us Hope That He “Will come again, and receive you unto [Himself]; that where [He is], there ye may be also!” (John 14:3)

- Why Will Jesus Appear?

- To Give Us Hope! Are You Looking For Him To Come?

**Conclusion:**

1. It Is Only Because Of The Unique Sacrifice Of The Lord Jesus Christ That We Can See Jesus In These Ways!

- And Because His Sacrifice Is Better, Once & For All, And Effective, We Can Look Up, Look Back & Look Forward In Faith, Trusting In His Great Sacrifice For Us!

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