

Hebrews 5.1-4

Subject to Weakness...

The chief job of the priest was to offer sacrifices to God. This was the entire foundation and basis of the Old Testament system of worship, and the message could not be escaped that God was angry with the sin of His people. For this entire system was a continual spilling of blood. This speaks of the terrible nature of our sin, and the incredible, awful reality of our total separation from our God. Every man, woman and child ever born of the descent of Adam was born into this need of atoning sacrifice for we are ALL subject to the weakness of our flesh and deserve because of it the eternal damnation of our souls.

I. SUBJECT TO WEAKNESS – (TOTAL DEPRAVITY)

- a. Unable to walk in righteousness –

Romans 3:9-23

- b. Ruined throughout

i. Filthy rags –

Isaiah 64.4-7

ii. Unacceptable -

iii. Every part of us broken and ruined –

Genesis 6.5

Jeremiah 17.9

iv. Does not mean that anyone is as bad as they could be

v. Means that everyone in every single aspect of their nature and character is touched by and marred by the fall, by our sin. -

Psalms 10.4

c. Relationship broken

i. Created for fellowship –

Genesis 3.8

- ii. Walk with God
- iii. God is life –

Deuteronomy 30.19-20

- iv. Life is loving God

Psalm 63.1-5

- v. Rendered unable TO fellowship

Genesis 3.6-10

- 1. Aware
- 2. Ashamed
- 3. Afraid
- 4. Alone

- vi. Cast out of garden

- d. Hateful and hate-filled
- e. Actively Opposed to God

II. PAYMENT REQUIRED BECAUSE

a. Sin is rebellion

i. Rebellion is witchcraft –

1Samuel 15.22-23

ii. Rebellion seeks to unseat and destroy God –

Isaiah 14.12-15

iii. Rebellion denies His authority and nature

Nehemiah 9.16-17

iv. Rebellion denies God's words and commands, justifies self instead. –

Job 34.31-37

b. Payment demanded

i. Sin deserves the enmity of God -

ii. Sin has a penalty attached to it –

Romans 6.23

c. Sin is Deserving of punishment

i. Death –

Genesis 2.15-17

ii. Wrath –

Colossians 3.5-12

iii. Separation –

Isaiah 59.1-3

iv. Justice demands it –

Proverbs 17:15

He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike *are* an abomination to the Lord.

1. Cannot simply declare it away
2. Cannot overlook it
3. Cannot change His nature to accept it
4. Cannot fail to punish...

d. Atonement for sin –

Isaiah 53.10-11
2 Corinthians 5.21

i. Make actual payment –

Romans 4.24

ii. Remove the curse of sin –

Galatians 3.13-14

iii. Appease the wrath of God

iv. Establish a ground of mercy and grace

III. SACRIFICE OFFERED –

a. Blood offered

b. Nothing else will pay

Hebrews 9.18-22

c. Blood of animals insufficient

Hebrews 10.1-10

d. Only the pure and perfect lamb of God can remove our sin

e. Jesus is that lamb

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"