



“Letters to the Corinthians” Study Notes

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Lesson 22: Revere the Lord’s Supper

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Read Hebrews 12:7-11. The discipline of these believers in Corinth, through the ministry of Paul, is for a specific purpose, as is all godly discipline. (1 Corinthians 11:32) Who is it that God disciplines? What does Hebrews remind us is the goal of discipline? Why do we need to remember this, when we find ourselves being corrected by God in our own sin?

Read Exodus 12:1-21. What was occurring here? Why were they to celebrate and remember this event?

Read Matthew 26:26-30. What is going on here? What instructions does Jesus give? When will Christ participate in this again? How did they end this meal?

Read Leviticus 16:15-22. What is the high priest to do here? Where was this to happen? What was he to use to do all of this? What happened to the live goat?

Read Hebrews 9:11-14. What role did Christ assume on our behalf? What do we see is the importance of Christ’s blood? What does His sacrifice replace for us? What greater purification do we receive because of this?

Read Hebrews 9:23-28. What is different about Christ’s sacrifice that makes it the better sacrifice?

Read Hebrews 8:6-13. Why was a new covenant necessary? In what ways do we see greater benefits of the new covenant?

Read Hebrews 10:1-14. How does the writer of Hebrews describe the law? What could the law NEVER do? What evidence does he give to support this? What has happened to us all through the offering of the literal body of Christ? How many times did Christ offer Himself to pay for sin? What did He do then? What had He accomplished? (“Sitting down” is a way of expressing that Christ’s work was complete. He did all that He came to do and is now seated, with His work finished, at the right hand of the throne of God. There is no more to be done to acquire the people who are to be His; it is complete, and it is sufficient.)

Ladies, consider the significance of Christ’s sacrifice, fulfilling the Old Testament demands with His own death. His very blood was shed for a specific purpose and it was necessary. From Passover as described in Exodus to the

offering of the animals to atone for the sins of the people in Leviticus (both events which were to happen yearly), how does Christ's sacrifice fulfill both of those needs for us? Why, then, is it a big deal to come before the Lord's Supper in a right manner?

Ladies, God has laid these things out for us in His Word very clearly. We have absolutely no excuse for not obeying in the first place, but especially when we understand why He has given us some of these commands, we should be all the more grateful to Him for the gift of salvation, and all the more eager to obey Him in all that He asks of us.

Thank God today for His Word, that contains all that we need to know, and shows us, clearly, that God has never had a "plan B" but has, since the foundation of time itself, been in sovereign control. Thank Him for the way that He has fulfilled His promises, to do all that we could not, so that we could be with Him.

Ask Him to help you to search your own heart, to repent of any unworthiness in yourself when you come before the Lord's Supper. Ask Him to help you to appreciate the sacrifice that was made on your behalf, and ask Him to help increase your desire to obey Him, not just when you partake of the Lord's Supper, but every day. Thank Him for providing this precious memorial service for us, for instituting it Himself and showing us the way in which He fulfills all that is necessary.

Rejoice, ladies, in our awesome God and His wisdom and planning that covered details we didn't even know were important! He is truly, beyond our comprehension.