**SERMON SHEET 5/12/24**

**Study of Hebrews #37**

**“The Inadequacy of the Old Covenant”**

**Text: Hebrews 9:6-10**

I. Introduction & review

II. Old Covenant inadequacies

1. There was no direct access to God.
2. There was no complete forgiveness of sin.
3. There was no internal cleansing of the conscience.

III. Psalm 51: A case study of deliberate sin

IV. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Kent Hughes:

*His point is crystal-clear: throughout the ages of the Old Covenant, there was no direct access to God, period!*

2. NET Bible:

*The expression means that someone would do something with deliberate defiance, with an arrogance in spite of what the Lord said. It is as if the sinner was about to attack God, or at least lifting his hand against God. The implication of the expression is that it was done in full knowledge of the Law (especially since this contrasts throughout with the sins of ignorance). Blatant defiance of the word of the Lord is dealt with differently.*

3. A. W. Pink:

* *Under the dispensation of law God graciously made provision for the infirmities of His people, granting them sacrifices for sins committed unwillingly and unwittingly. But for determined and open rebellion against His laws, no atoning sacrifice was available.*
* *There is no room for doubt that David knew full well the terrible character of the sins which he committed against Uriah and his wife. Later, when he was convicted of this, he realized that the law made no provision for forgiveness. What, then, did he do? Psalm 51:1–3 tells us.*

4. Simon Kistemaker:

*Gifts and sacrifices failed to remove guilt that continued to bother the believer’s conscience. They could not clear the conscience of the sinner who came to God with offerings. They were unable to make the worshiper whole, perfect, and complete with respect to his conscience.*

5. Charles Spurgeon:

*It is a bush burning with fire yet not consumed, and out of it a voice seemed to cry to me, “Draw not nigh hither, put off thy shoes from off thy feet.”… Such a psalm may be wept over, absorbed into the soul, and exhaled again in devotion; but, commented on—ah! where is he who having attempted it can do other than blush at his defeat?*

6. James M. Boice:

* *Pardon and purity! Those are the two great needs of every human being, since we are all sinners by deed and by nature, just as David was. We need first, cleansing, then the creation of a new spirit or heart.*
* *That is how we must come to God too. We need forgiveness badly. But “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” It is only on the basis of the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, that we may find God’s mercy. Have you found mercy? Your sin may be as great as David’s, even greater. But however great it is, you will find God to be wonderfully merciful if you will come to him as David did.*

7. Albert Mohler:

*The contrast could not be clearer. While the old covenant required incessant and imperfect offerings that could not purify the depths of the human heart, Christ accomplished final and full purification. Jesus is the hope of the new covenant. When he appeared as high priest, everything changed.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:**

* **Luke 1:5-10; Ex. 25:30; Ex. 30:7-8; Lev. 24:1-4; Num. 28, 29**
* **Lev. 16; Heb. 10:4**
* **Num. 15:27-31; Heb. 10:26-27; Heb. 9:13-14; Ex. 33:19; Ps. 110**