**SERMON SHEET 5/19/24**

**Study of Hebrews #38**

**“When Christ Appeared as High Priest”**

**Text: Hebrews 9:11-14**

I. Introduction & review – inadequacies of the Old Covenant

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.

II. Some wonderful results of the appearing of Christ

1. Good things have happened.
2. A greater and more perfect tent has been revealed.
3. Our eternal redemption has been secured.
4. Our consciences have been purified.

IV. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Albert Mohler:

* *In contrast to the old covenant priests, our new covenant priest fully and finally atones for the sins of his people and ushers in the “good things” of redemption for which they had always hoped.*
* *Jesus did not just slip into the Most Holy Place amidst a protective cloud of incense to breathlessly perform a ritual sprinkling and then exit until next year. Instead, he came having given his own precious blood once and for all, and there he sat down at the right hand of the Father—never more to leave.*
* *Whereas [Levitical priests] had to be externally purified just to engage in sacrifice, Christ’s sacrifice of himself internally cleanses those for whom he died. He purifies our consciences.*

2. Charles Spurgeon:

*No son of Aaron stands before us, but the Christ, the truly Anointed One, commissioned of the Lord to introduce man to his offended God. Anointed by the eternal Spirit without measure, the Lord Jesus Christ appears in the end of the world to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself, and then to destroy the separating veil by going in unto the Father.*

3. Erick Erickson:

* *Despair because of the world and its fallenness is a choice.*
* *Early Christians faced relentless persecution and, even in that persecution, converted the Roman Empire because of their joy.  Paul, Peter, and John thought it was a great time to be alive because they came face to face with Jesus Christ, the long-awaited Messiah, and shared His gospel. After being beaten, they rejoiced “that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name” (Acts 5:41).*
* *Many people have chosen to be victims, angry or despairing at the world around them.  It is a choice to be angry all the time. It is a choice to decide this is a “heartbreaking time to be alive, and this is a heartbreaking country.” I see it among those who are always online and obsessed with the news, which feeds on and festers malcontentedness.  Despair in a fallen world is a choice. But you can choose joy, which cometh in the morning.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:**

* **Heb. 10:4; Ps. 51; Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps. 110:1-2, 4; Heb. 4:14-16**
* **2 Cor. 4:16-18; Ron. 8:18-25; Eph. 2:4-7; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; John 10:10**