**SERMON SHEET 6/23/24**

**Study of Hebrews #39**

**“The Wonder-Working Power of the Blood”**

**Text: Hebrews 9:15-22**

I. Introduction & review

1. The typology of the tabernacle with emphasis on the mercy seat
2. The inadequacies of the Old Covenant
3. The good things that come with the New Covenant, both current and future

II. There’s power in the blood

1. The retroactive power of the blood
2. The initiating power of the blood
3. The atoning power of the blood

IV. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Samuel Renihan:

*From Abraham to David, the mystery revealed that a Davidic son, a Messiah, would gather the nations in the house of God through a new covenant. This revelation of mystery, declared and gathered over centuries, was contained in typology. Present realities pointed to future realities greater and other than themselves. The Messiah ushered in the age of those new realities, those perfected realities, those eternal realities, in a new and eternal covenant granting an inheritance in a new and eternal kingdom.*

2. 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 (Heb 9:11), everything changed.*
* *Far from suggesting a compromise between two opposing positions, Christ agrees with the Father that we deserve the infinite outpouring of his wrath. He agrees with the Father about the ugliness of our sin. He agrees with the Father about the necessity of a sacrifice. And as our mediator, He agrees to be that sacrifice even as the Father sends him for that task.*

3. Kent Hughes:

* *… the Old Testament sacrificial system, which provides the prefigurement for Christ’s sacrifice, was a gory affair indeed! During the thousand-plus years of the Old Covenant, there were more than a million animal sacrifices. So considering that each bull’s sacrifice spilled a gallon or two of blood, and each goat a quart, the Old Covenant truly rested on a sea of blood.*
* *Jesus died, leaving the greatest inheritance ever. But he also lives to mediate his will.*
* *The Old Covenant sailed on a sea of blood, for two vast reasons. First, to emphasize the seriousness of sin. The Bible takes sin seriously, more than any other religion. Sin alienates one from God. Sin is rooted in the hearts of humanity. Sin cannot be vindicated by any self-help program. Sin leads to death—and it will not be denied. The second reason is the costliness of forgiveness. Death is the payment. It will either be Christ’s life or ours!*

4. Charles Spurgeon:

*It is true that there was such perfect unity of heart between the Father and the Son, and such mutual foreknowledge that the covenant would be ratified in due time, that multitudes of the chosen ones were welcomed to heaven in anticipation* *of the redemption that would actually be accomplished by Christ upon the cross.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:**

* **Rom. 3:21-25; Ex. 24:1-8; 2 Cor. 8:9**