**SERMON SHEET 6/30/24**

**Study of Hebrews #40**

**“The Much-Needed Appearances of Christ”**

**Text: Hebrews 9:23-28**

I. Introduction & review

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

II. Pondering the much-needed appearances of our Savior

1. Jesus has appeared as our sacrificial Lamb to obediently die for us (v. 26).
2. Jesus appears now as our sympathetic High Priest to faithfully intercede for us (v. 24).
3. Jesus will appear as our victorious King to completely save us (v. 28).

IV. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. R. C. Sproul:

*The concept of atonement reaches back to the Old Testament where God set up a system by which the people of Israel could make atonement for their sins. To atone is to make amends, to set things right.*

2. Albert Mohler:

*All previous sacrifices, earthly priests, and Days of Atonement were meant to make us anticipate and long for Christ. Now, once for all and at the end of the ages, the fulfillment of all these things has finally arrived to put away sin forever by the sacrifice of himself. Christ’s incarnation is an unprecedented moment in time. He has appeared in history—“at the end of the ages” (cf. Heb 1:2)—once for all time to put away sin.*

3. Charles Spurgeon:

*At His coming He will set His foot upon the dragon’s head and bruise Satan under our feet. He will come to have all His enemies put under His feet. Today we fight, and He fights in us. We groan and He groans in us, for the dread conflict is raging. When He comes again the battle will be ended. He shall divide the spoil of vanquished evil and celebrate the victory of righteousness.*

*Standing between the cross and the crown, between the cloud that received Him out of our sight and the clouds with which He will come with ten thousands of His saints to judge the living and the dead (1 Pet 4:5), let us live as men who are not of this world, strangers in this age that darkly lies between two bright appearings, happy beings saved by a mystery accomplished, and soon to be glorified by another mystery that is hasting on.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:**

* **Ex. 24:1-8; Heb. 10:4; Heb. 9:12**
* **Rev. 21:8; Rev. 20:6**
* **Lev. 16:15-22**
* **Col. 2:13-14**
* **1 John 2:1; 2 Cor. 3:18**
* **John 14:1-3; Acts 1:8-11; 1 Thess.4:13-18; Rev. 19:11-15; 1 John 3:2**