

The Twelve Spies.

Review: Jesus Christ our High Priest

So where is Christ today? What is he doing?

Hebrews 8:1-2

¹The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ²and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man.

Christ is **serv**ing us as our High Priest NOW. How does he do this: by forgiving us our sins as we draw near to him to confess?

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

The Day of Atonement

In the Old Testament times the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies once a year, on the feast called the Day of Atonement. There he made sacrifices for his own sins and for the sins of the people.

Now because Christ has suffered, died and been raised, he is seated on the throne of Grace in the Holy of Holies as Our High Priest and has made the ONE TIME sacrifice to forgive us our sins.

Our part is to draw near to him, to confess our sins and to have our conscience cleansed. But unlike the earthly High Priest, **everyday** is the Day of Atonement not just once a year. So we, unlike the Children of Israel do not have to wait for the yearly feast in order to have our sins forgiven. WE can go to Him **every day**.

“Brethren”

Who are our “brethren” or “brothers”?

Matthew 12:46-50

⁴⁶ While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷ Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

⁴⁸ He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"

⁴⁹ Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers.

⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

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Types

“Types” or “Foreshadows” are used in the bible as metaphors, to parallel the old with the new. They were figures or representations of something that was yet future.

For example:

- ✠ Moses is a “type” of Christ;
- ✠ When Abraham sacrificed his only son Isaac that was a “type” of the coming sacrifice of Christ, God’s only begotten son
- ✠ The Old Testament tabernacle is identified as a “type” of the heavenly one that exists today that was not made by hands.
- ✠ The High Priest’s entrance into the holiest place once a year on the Day of Atonement prefigured Christ’s office today as our High Priest.

Numbers 13:17-14:1-35

Deuteronomy 1:22 (it was the Israelite's idea)

²² Then all of you came to me and said, "Let us send men ahead to spy out the land for us and bring back a report about the route we are to take and the towns we will come to."

There were 10 different times that the Israelites provoked God, not getting into the Promised Land was the culmination of all that disobedience and murmuring.

Numbers 14:22

²² not one of the men who saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times.

Psalms 78:17-25, 37

¹⁷ But they continued to sin against him,
rebelling in the desert against the Most High.
¹⁸ They willfully put God to the test
by demanding the food they craved.
¹⁹ They spoke against God, saying,
"Can God spread a table in the desert?
²⁰ When he struck the rock, water gushed out,
and streams flowed abundantly.
But can he also give us food?
Can he supply meat for his people?"

²¹ When the LORD heard them, he was very angry;
his fire broke out against Jacob,
and his wrath rose against Israel,
²² for they did not believe in God
or trust in his deliverance.
²³ Yet he gave a command to the skies above
and opened the doors of the heavens;
²⁴ he rained down manna for the people to eat,
he gave them the grain of heaven.
²⁵ Men ate the bread of angels;
he sent them all the food they could eat.

³⁷ their hearts were not loyal to him,
they were not faithful to his covenant.

A “Rest” still remains for us today

Today, God is leading many sons to glory through Christ as He tried to do then, His desire is to take us into our Promised Land, the Kingdom of His dear Son, which will be established when Christ appears for the second time.

Hebrews 4:9-11

⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.

¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

In many ways we are better equipped today than they were then, but because of that we are also more accountable.

Hebrews 6:9-12

⁹ Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case—things that accompany salvation. ¹⁰ God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. ¹¹ We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. ¹² We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

Revision

Questions

- 1) Where is Christ today? Be specific.

- 2) What is He doing?

- 3) What is the major difference in The Day of Atonement now compared with The Day of Atonement in Old Testament times?

- 4) What part do we play today in employing Christ's office as our High Priest?

- 5) What is the definition that Christ gave of "brethren"? Give scriptural backup.

