

An Eternity with the Living God

Hebrews 9

Introduction:

A. Eternity and Finiteness

1. The human mind in relation to our universe
 - a. If our universe has a boundary, the human mind will wonder what is b_____ that boundary.
 - b. If our universe is infinite, the human mind cannot comprehend how it can't have a boundary.
2. God has used the word eternity to put our minds at r_____
 - a. We need not wrestle with theories about time and eternity.
 - b. God is the e_____, and we must listen to what He has spoken through His prophets and apostles.

B. There are only two eternities

1. An eternity w_____ the one true God
2. An eternity w_____ the one true God.
 - a. The Bible pictures all of mankind headed in this direction.
 - b. The Bible communicates that only Jesus can s_____ anyone from an eternity without God.

C. Today's lesson is about eternity with the living God.

Is a life that s_____ with faith (vv. 6,7, 25,26)

A. Jesus Christ offered Himself as the o_____ time sacrifice for all sin.

1. Under the Old Covenant, animal sacrifices only covered p_____ sins, and so sacrifices had to be made repeatedly (vv 6,7).
2. Under the New Covenant the sacrifice of Jesus covers a_____ sin regardless of time (vv. 25,26).

B. If Jesus' sacrifice is for all sin, why is not everyone saved?

1. Some reason that Jesus' sacrifice covers all sin except one, the unf_____ sin
 - a. They define this sin as the f_____ rejection of Jesus.
 - b. This reasoning is proven false by
 - 1) Rev 20:12 which states that all unbelievers will be j_____ according to their deeds
 - 2) Rom 2:6-8 which states that God's w_____ and fury will come upon unbelievers for their evil deeds.
2. Jesus died for sins around _____ A.D.
 - a. Every person who does not b_____ in Jesus is condemned (Jn 3:18), which we all were at one time.
 - b. Jesus' payment is not applied until initial f_____
 - c. Therefore, Jesus' death is only for the sins of believers – f_____ is the starting point of an eternity with the living God.

Is a life of s_____ to God (9-14)

- A. The Old Covenant could not c_____ the conscience (9,10).
 - 1. Because it dealt with ex_____ things (e.g. rules about food, drink, and washings).
 - 2. God wrote the laws on tablets of stone not on the h_____.
- B. The New Covenant was an i_____ matter.
 - 1. He would write the laws on the heart by putting His Holy S_____ inside every believer.
 - 2. Believers would be guided to s_____ the living God (v. 14).
- C. What does this life of service involve – fulfilling your p_____
 - 1. Your general purpose (Matt 22:37,38) – to love the Lord with all your h_____ and to love those around you unselfishly.
 - 2. Your specific purpose
 - a. To use your spiritual g_____, talents, skills for the good of God and others (Rom 12)
 - b. To take opportunities to t_____ unbelievers about Christ (1Pet 3:15)
 - c. To cooperate together in advancing the g_____ to the ends of the earth (Matt 28:18-20).

Is a life that will be unaffected by s_____ (27,28)

- A. The sober truth of mankind's destination
 - 1. The world of human beings cannot escape d_____ (v. 27a)
 - 2. The world of human beings cannot escape j_____ (v. 27b)
- B. The promise of God for believers in Christ – Jesus will a_____ a second time for salvation without reference to sin (v. 28)
 - a. Christ's first appearance was b_____ of sin (He had to suffer and die)
 - b. Christ's second appearance will c_____ salvation in us.
 - 1) When a believer dies their s_____ goes into the Lord's presence (2Cor 5:6) – initial salvation is about saving our spirits
 - 2) Jesus physically rose from the dead to conquer physical d_____ forever.
 - a) Rom 8:11 – our mortal bodies will be given l_____.
 - b) 1Cor 15:54 – at Christ's coming, our mortal bodies will be changed to immortal bodies.
 - c) 1Thess 5:24,25 – at Christ's coming, believers will be made p_____ in spirit, soul, and body.