

FAMOUS Chapter 9

Hebrews 9: the best answer

There are laws to make murder bearable. We can have justice under the law. Yet, the sadness, tears, and lost life cannot be replaced. The law can't fix what has been done. Hebrews 9 explains fairly well why Jesus is better than a law. He has come to be the penalty for sin. He is better than the laws we make. Jesus is also the last thing we need to get into heaven. Quite a few of these famous chapter nines have back story and further plot to make the chapter complete. You need to read Hebrews 8 and 10 to get a better understanding of what Paul is writing here in chapter 9.

Did I say Paul? Hebrews by tradition is written by the Apostle Paul. Some scholars dispute those claims. Yet, if you read Paul's other writings it makes sense that Hebrews is his. I love to read an author from the first book to the last. I feel I get a complete picture of the writer. If you read Paul's works then you can see him in Hebrews. It's his work. Paul always answers his writing and then gives his reasons. That is why Hebrews must be read as one writing. Yet, here we have chapter 9.

If I wanted to give someone a good explanation as to why Jesus is the answer to heaven then Hebrews 9 is it. You need all the chapters but 9 is a pretty good place if it's all you have. There are people who say Jesus did not have to die. Hebrews 9 debunks that. Some people say that you need to be saved over and over, Hebrews 9 says no. This chapter is famous because it's a strong case for Jesus as the answer to sin. I suppose its theology 101. We need a sacrifice to appease God. Who can we come before a Holy God? How can we truly go to heaven? Hebrews 9 answers those questions too.

It certainly would help to have Jewish Old Testament history knowledge to understand Hebrews. Yet, Paul tries to explain the Tent of meeting that God dwell in the Old Testament. He tried to explain why God is not there now; why there are no more sacrifices; and why Jesus is the better way to God. This whole chapter is pointing to an evolved way to meet the Father in heaven. I feel that the old religious atmosphere when this book was written was dark and gloomy towards God. Paul is trying to paint a better brighter future.

It's odd that the church evolved into a sin accusing machine. The love of God was always there. Depicted in the love of Jesus too. People on the other hand have tried to say people are somewhat destined for hell and damnation. The message through the centuries was off the mark. Sinlessness as a requirement for heaven is just not in the Bible. The angry God who hates more than loves is just not in the Bible. Hebrews paints a picture of Jesus taking our sins in love so we could have access to God the Father. This chapter is hope. This chapter is good news. I feel that is why this chapter is so beloved. Who wants hell and damnation as the focal point?