"The Priest Who Came to Do God's Will"

Hebrews 10:1-18 June 2, 2024

I. What's Not New in Hebrews 10:1-18

- A. The Mosaic sacrificial system could not *perfect* God's people -- as in, bring clear consciences through the true removal of sins. (vs. 1-4)
- B. The work of Old Covenant priests was never finished, while Jesus has sat down at the Father's right hand. (vs. 11-14)
- C. The founding of the New Covenant would include forgiveness of sins once for all. (vs. 16-17)

II. What Is New in Hebrews 10:1-18

- A. Jesus is revealed as the "speaker" of Psalm 40:6-8. (vs. 5-10)
 - 1. These are words only appropriate on the lips of Christ (see Acts 2:25-32 for another example of something similar).
 - 2. God the Son took on a body to do the Father's ultimate will of setting aside the Old Covenant sacrifices through His own self-offering.
- B. The author of Hebrews applies Christ's priestly work at the personal level.
 - 1. All believers have been officially *set apart* for God once for all through Christ's death (v. 10).
 - 2. All believers have been *perfected* for all time through Christ's death (v. 14).
- C. The Spirit speaks to us today through the ancient promises of the New Covenant reminding us that the New Covenant era means forgiveness of sins and, thus, no more need for sacrifices.