

Jesus is Greater: A study of Hebrews

Week Fourteen

Ransom Paid / Release to Come

Hebrews 9:15-28

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For His Glory and our joy!

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Message Notes:

Introduction – “*Ever been stuck?*”

Review so far:

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Jesus > Angels

Jesus’ Gospel > Old Testament Law

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Mediator AND Payment. Provides our Ransom/Redemption.

Hebrews 9:15

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Hebrews 9:16-22

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Hebrews 9:23-25

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Hebrews 9:26-28

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Mark 10:45

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Genesis 2:15-17

The Knowledge of Good and Evil

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The Promise backed up by a Covenant

Genesis 15

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Exodus 24:7-8

How the story all fits together

Galatians 3:8-14, 21-29

Q: So, what are we ransomed from?

A: The Curse of the Knowledge (embodiment and guilt) of Good and Evil!

So why doesn't it feel that way right now?

An illustration...

Gospel Application - *Are you tired of "doing this on your own"?*

Do you long for the day of our full release?

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Romans 8:1-4

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Quotes (used or referred to):

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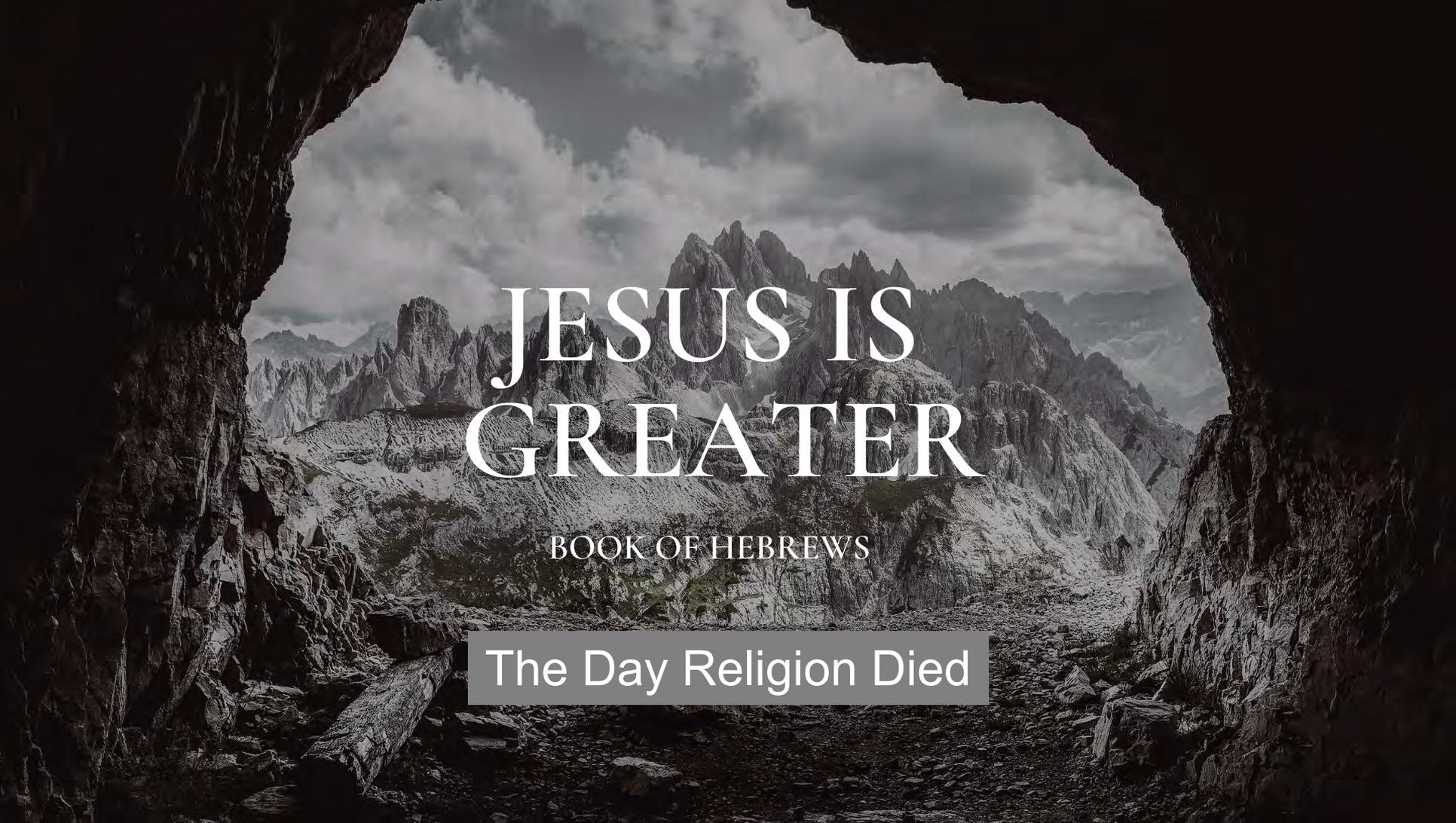
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There's a New Priest in Town

Hebrews 8:1-2

¹Now the main 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 a mere human being.



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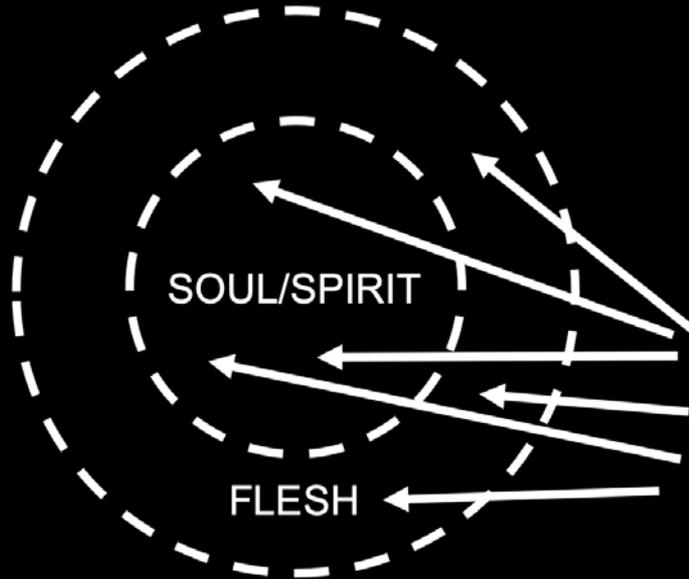
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Consciences are Cleansed!

Hebrews 9:14

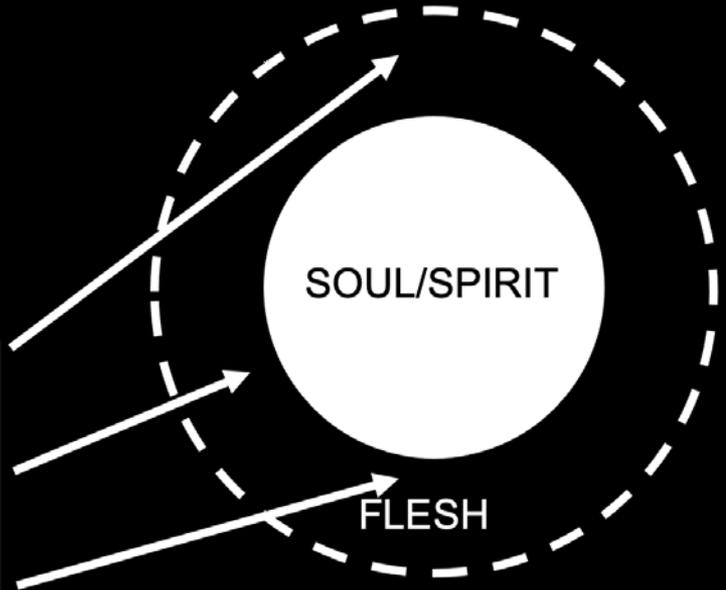
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OLD CREATION/ COVENANT



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Eph 2:1-3

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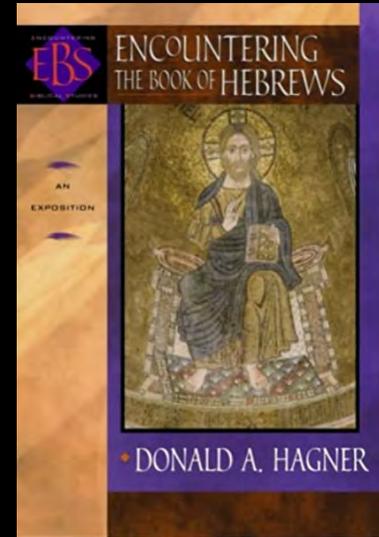
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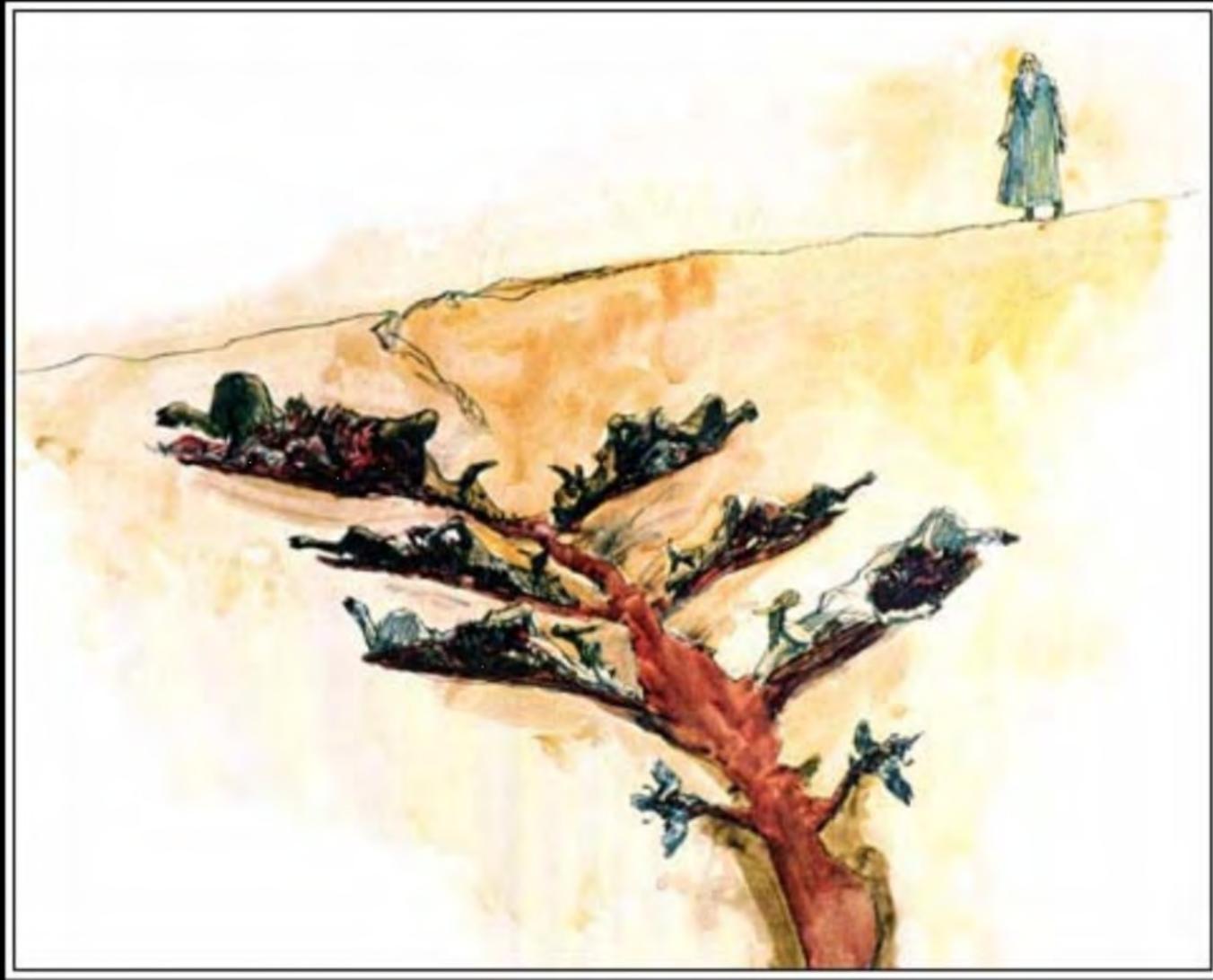
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