



MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

GOD THE SON: HIS ASCENSION AND PRIESTLY MINISTRY

1. The Bible: The Word of God
2. The Bible: Inspired of God
3. The Bible: Its Subject and Purpose
4. The Bible: As a Divine Revelation

HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 9
ANSWER QUESTIONS: 1,3, 7, 9

5. God The Trinity
6. God the Father

7. God the Son: His Deity and Eternity
8. God the Son: His Incarnation
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11. God the Son: His Ascension and Priestly Ministry
12. God the Son: His Coming for His Saints
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WHY THE ASCENSION ?
WHY DIDN'T CHRIST REMAIN HERE ON EARTH ?

FOUR REASONS FOR CHRIST'S ASCENSION:



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WHY THE ASCENSION ?

1. CHRIST HAD FINISHED HIS EARTHLY WORK

- BY HIS WORK ON THE CROSS - JN 17: 1,4
- CHRIST FULFILLS HIS PART OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT - HEB 13: 20
 - FORGIVES MAN'S SINS - 1 JN 2:2
 - CONDEMNS THE SIN NATURE - ROM 8:3

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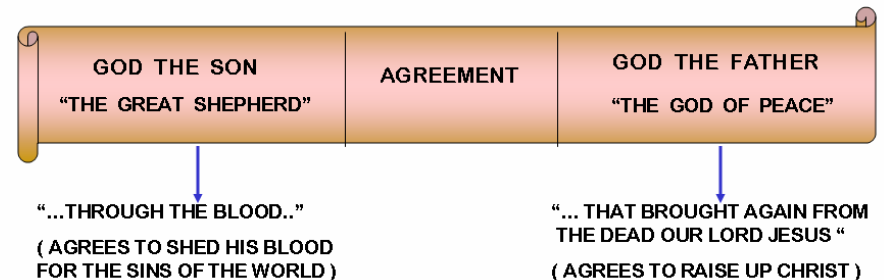


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THE ETERNAL COVENANT - HEB 13:20

DEFINITIONS :

- "COVENANT" (DIATHEKE = TO CUT OR PLACE BETWEEN TWO, AN AGREEMENT)
- "ETERNAL" (AIONIOS = FROM & FOR ALL ETERNITY)



REASONS:

- BLOOD / DEATH :
WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS OF SINS - HEB 9:22
- THE RESURRECTION :
 - WITHOUT THE RESURRECTION WE WOULD STILL BE IN OUR SINS -1 COR 15:17
 - IT'S THE PROOF THAT GOD IS SATISFIED WITH CHRIST'S WORK -1 COR 15:1-4

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WHY THE ASCENSION ? 2. IT WAS GOD'S PURPOSE & PLAN

- **CHRIST FULFILLS GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE OF SHARING HIS GLORY** - JN 17:22
 - BY GIVING ETERNAL LIFE TO ALL WHO BELIEVE - JN 17:2
 - ETERNAL LIFE IS CHRIST'S LIFE (POSITIONALLY) & KNOWING (EXPERIENTIALLY & INTIMATELY) GOD THE FATHER & JESUS CHRIST -1 JN 5:11-13; COL 3:4; JN 17:3
- **CHRIST'S ASCENSION WAS GOD'S PLAN & FORETOLD**
 - IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY CHRIST - JN 16:28
 - IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED - ACTS 1: 9-11

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WHY THE ASCENSION ? 3. TO GLORIFY CHRIST

- BY THE RESTORATION OF HIS VISIBLE GLORY (IT'S WHO HE IS!)
- HIS GLORY IS THE FATHER'S GLORY ("WITH THINE OWN SELF") - JN 17: 5
- THE ASCENSION MARKS THE RETURN TO CHRIST'S MANIFESTED GLORY
 - IT WAS STILL HIDDEN AFTER HIS RESURRECTION & DURING HIS ASCENSION
 - IT WAS RETURNED AFTER HIS ASCENSION

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WHY THE ASCENSION ? 4. TO RETURN HOME

- EARTH IS NOT HIS HOME ["I AM NOT OF (OUT OF) THE WORLD"] - JN 17: 14
 - HE DIDN'T COME FROM THE WORLD BUT TO THE WORLD - JN 17 :14,16
 - HE IS A HEAVENLY MAN (OUT FROM HEAVEN) - 1 COR 15: 47
- HE IS GOING HOME TO THE FATHER
 - WHO SENT HIM TO DO MISSION IMPOSSIBLE - JN 17:3,8,18,21,23,25; JN 3:16,17
 - WHO WANTS HIM HOME
- HE FORSEES HIMSELF AFTER HIS ASCENSION
 - "I AM NO LONGER IN THE WORLD " - JN 17: 11
- SOME BLESSED TRUTHS FOR YOU IN CHRIST:
 - YOU ARE IDENTIFIED WITH CHRIST - ROM 6: 3-6
 - YOU ARE NOT OF (OUT OF) THE WORLD - JN 14: 14,16
 - YOU ARE A HEAVENLY PERSON WITH A HEAVENLY BIRTH - JN 3:3; 1 COR 15: 48,49
 - HEAVEN IS ALSO YOUR HOME - PHIL 3: 20,21
- QUES: DO YOU WANT TO BE HOME ?

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GOD THE SON: HIS PRESENT WORK

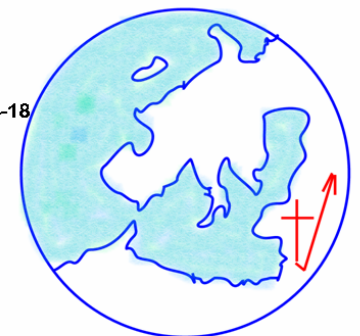
IN HEAVEN

CHRIST'S PRIESTLY MINISTRY
(FOR HIS OWN)

TRUTH : THE FATHER & CHRIST ARE ALWAYS WORKING NO MATTER WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK OR DISPENSATION IT IS - JN 5:17

ON EARTH

- HE IS CALLING OUT A PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME (FROM JEWS & GENTILES) - ACTS 15: 14;L EPH 2:14-18
- HE IS SANCTIFYING (SETTING APART) HIS OWN FROM THE WORLD & SELF TO CHRIST THROUGH THE WORD (THE TRUTH) - JN 17: 15-19
 - EDIFYING THEM - JN 16: 13-15; EPH 4: 11-16
 - SHARING HIS GLORY BY CONFORMING US TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST - JN 17:21-23; ROM 8:28,29; GAL 4:19; 2 COR 3:18





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CHRIST'S PRIESTLY MINISTRY

- **HE IS A MINISTER IN THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY** - HEB 8:1,2; 10:21
 - HE IS OUR HIGH PRIEST AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC - HEB 5:10; 7:1
 - HIS PRIESTHOOD IS UNCHANGEABLE - HEB 7:24
 - HE EVER LIVES TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR US - HEB 7: 25
 - HE APPEARS IN GOD'S PRESENCE ON OUR BEHALF - OUR ADVOCATE - HEB 9:24

- **AS HIGH PRIEST CHRIST IS A BESTOWER OF BLESSINGS FOREVER** - HEB 7:6,7; 7:17

- **HE IS TOUCHED (SUFFERS WITH) OUR WEAKNESSES** - HEB 4:14,15
 - HE WAS IN ALL RESPECTS TEMPTED LIKE WE ARE - BUT APART FROM SIN
 - HE UNDERSTANDS OUR HUMAN CONDITION (MENTAL, PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL)
 - HE IS COMPASSIONATE TOWARD US

- **BECAUSE WE HAVE SUCH A GREAT HIGH PRIEST :**
 - WE CAN APPROACH THE THRONE OF GRACE WITH CONFIDENCE - HEB 4:16; 10:19
 - WHERE WE RECEIVE MERCY (COMPASSION) - HEB 4:16
 - WHERE WE FIND GRACE (HIS UNMERITED FAVOR)
 - WHERE HE DELIVERS US TO THE UTTERMOST WHEN WE APPROACH - HEB 7:25