

SUBJECT: The Book of Hebrews.

TITLE: Shadow of the Real.

PROPOSITION: To look at the law of Moses as the shadow of the law of Christ.

OBJECTIVE: So we will know that we are not under the law of Moses.

INTRODUCTION:

1. Read the text.

2. Regarding the text.

(1) The law of Moses is one of the most misunderstood laws that there has ever been.

A. Some think that the law of Moses was a legalistic law whereby if one kept it perfectly enough they could be saved by it (Gal. 5:4).

B. Some think that the law of Moses is still in effect today and can be obeyed with the law of Christ (Rom. 7:1-4).

(2) In this lesson we want to look at the real purpose of the law of Moses.

A. We want to see what its purpose was.

B. We will also see that it was intended to end.

(3) The law of Moses is not a law that will ever save man, or ever would.

3. Reference To S.T.P.O.

DISCUSSION: IN STUDYING THE LAW OF MOSES AS A SHADOW OF THE REAL--

I. THE SHADOW DOES NOT HAVE SAME EFFACY AS THE REAL.

1. Can never make the comers perfect--complete.

(1) The word "perfect" comes from "τελειόω teleioō tel-i-o'-o From [G5046](#); to *complete*, that is, (literally) *accomplish*, or (figuratively) *consummate* (in character): - consecrate, finish, fulfil, (make) perfect" (*Strong's Greek Lexicon, e-Sword*).

(2) The law of Moses never was able to fulfill one's spiritual necessities (Gal. 3:19).

2. In those sacrifices there is remembrance made of sin every year.

(1) The year of atonement (Lev. 16:21).

(2) Those sacrifices had to be offered year by year (Heb. 10:3).

3. Those sacrifices could not take away sins.

(1) The blood of animals could not take away sins (Heb. 10:4).

(2) They could only set sins aside until the perfect sacrifice could come (Heb. 9:13-15).

II. THE SHADOW CAN ONLY LEAD PEOPLE TO THE REAL.

1. The shadow came before the real to lead to the real.

(1) It was the Jews' schoolmaster (Gal. 3:24).

- (2) It is not our schoolmaster because we have never been under it (Col. 2:14-16).
- 2. The shadow cannot give you the same benefits as the real.
 - (1) The real could give salvation (Rom. 1:16).
 - (2) The shadow could only give a promise of eternal life (Gal. 3:22).
- 3. The shadow was only for one people while the real is for all.
 - (1) The shadow was only for the Jews (Rom. 2:17-19).
 - (2) The real was given for all men (Mk. 16:15,16).

III. THE SHADOW CONDEMS WHILE THE REAL SAVES.

- 1. All those who are justified by the law are condemned.
 - (1) The law cannot save one from sins (Gal. 2:16).
 - (2) The law condemns because all it does is point out sins (Gal. 3:19).
- 2. Those under the law of Christ have hope.
 - (1) We are reconciled to God by the putting away of the law (Eph. 2:12-16).
 - (2) It is the grace of God that bringeth salvation (Tit. 2:11,12).
- 3. The only hope we have in this life is the gospel of Christ.
 - (1) Our hope is in Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 1:3).
 - (2) Our hope is a lively hope (1 Pet. 1:3).

CONCLUSION:

SUMMARY: In our study we have seen that--

- 1. The shadow does not have the same efficacy as the real.
- 2. The shadow can only lead people to the real.
- 3. The shadow condemns while the real saves.

APPEAL: The law of Moses is the shadow, the law of Christ is the real. We are no longer under the law of Moses, but we are under the law of Christ.

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