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"without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness"

*"You have not yet considered what a heavy weight sin is."
(Anselm, Cur Deus Homo?)*

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Old Testament Scenes:

1. Mt Sinai and the First Covenant (Ex. 19-20)
2. The Day of Atonement and the Cleansing of the Tent (Lev. 16)

³³ and make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar...

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And according to the Law, almost all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. (Heb. 9:22)

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²³ Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a *mere* copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. ²⁵ Not that He might offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own.

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²⁶ Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷ And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment, ²⁸ so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without *reference* to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

(Hebrews 9:23-28)

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¹ Now the main point in what has been said *is this*: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ² a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tent, which the Lord pitched, not man. (Heb. 8:1-2)

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¹¹ But Christ has appeared as high priest of the good things which have come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; ¹² and not by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. (Heb. 9:11-12)

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1. The Cleansing of the Heavenly Tent

- the defilement of the heavenly sanctuary pictures the effects of our sin on God – it repulses Him
- genuine cleansing of sin must be performed in the presence of God – the removal of His wrath

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2. His Representation Before God's Face

- Christ has received God's ultimate acceptance and favor *on our behalf*
- His continual presence before God by virtue of His effective sacrifice secures our pardon, our access, and the unending supply of grace

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➤ Implications

- we may now, and ultimately, draw near with confidence to God as Father (10:19-22)
- Hebrews 12:18-29

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