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THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

A CHANGE IS NEEDED HEBREWS 7:11-28

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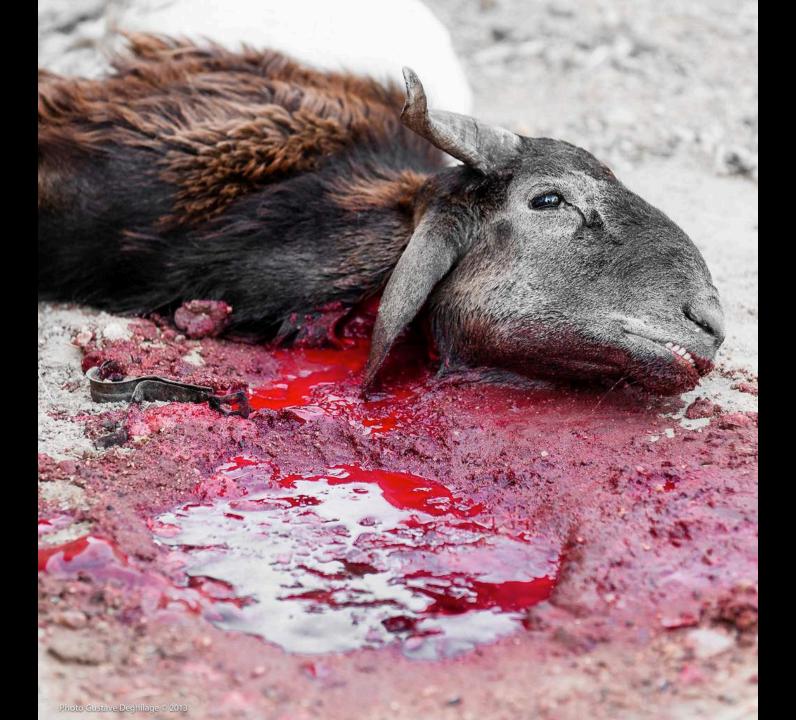
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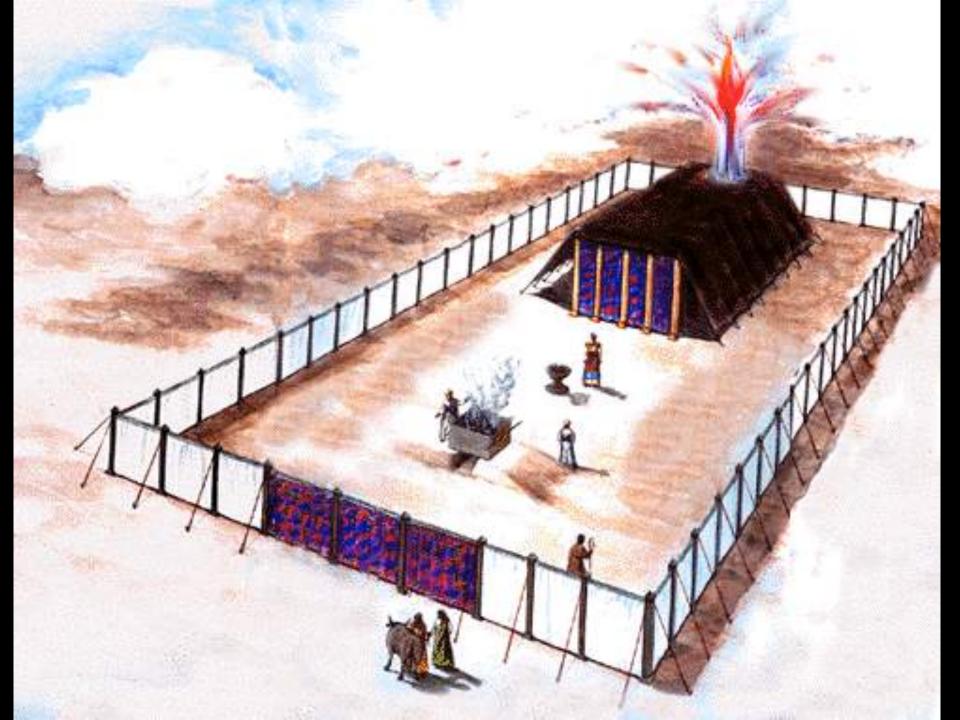
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For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness (for the law made nothing perfect);

So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

(Galatians 3:24 ESV)

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For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek,

1. The Weakness of the Former

2. The Word of the Father

For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

(Hebrews 7:17 ESV)

but this one was made a priest with an oath
by the one who said to him:
"The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind,
'You are a priest forever.'"

(Hebrews 7:21 ESV)

2. The Word of the Father

3. The Worthiness of the Final

who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life.

(Hebrews 7:16 ESV)

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

(Hebrews 7:23-24 ESV)

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

(Hebrews 7:25 ESV)

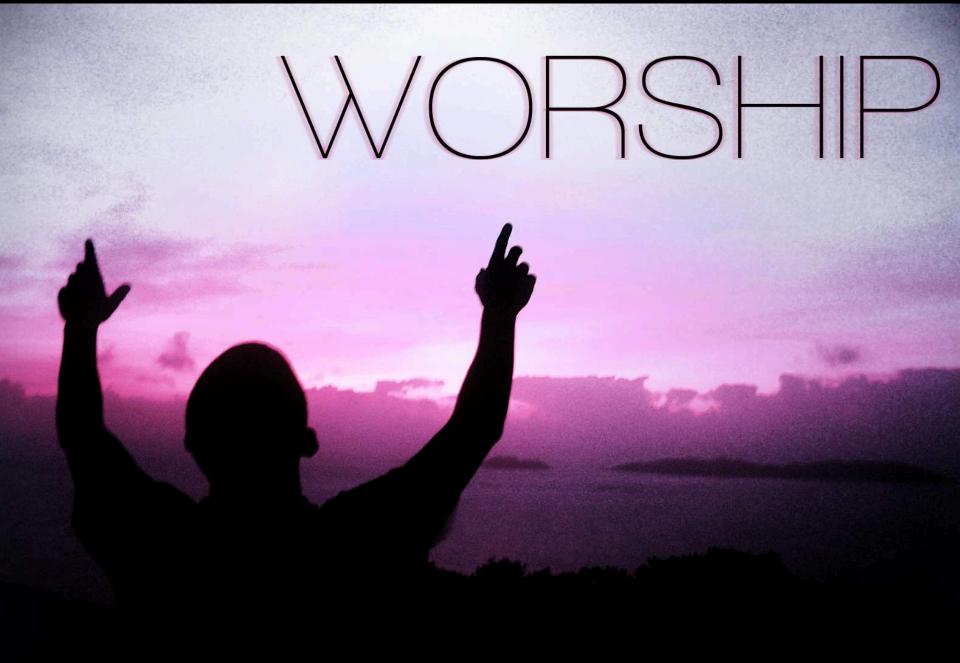
For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

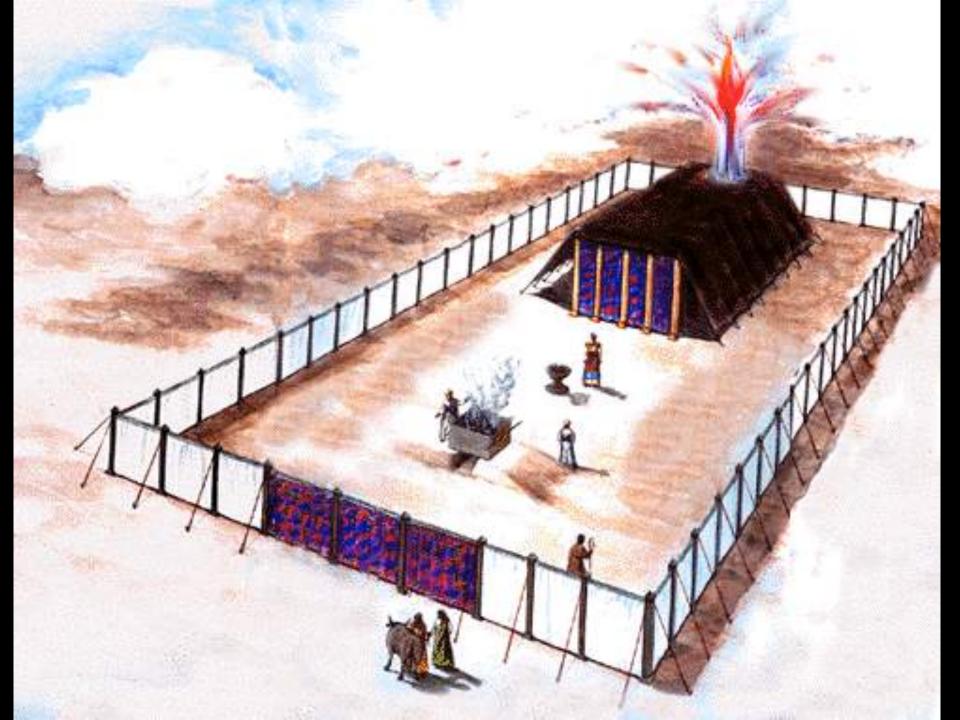
(Hebrews 7:26-27 ESV)

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

(Hebrews 7:22 ESV)

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I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

(Romans 12:1 ESV)

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

(1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV)

Jesus said to her,

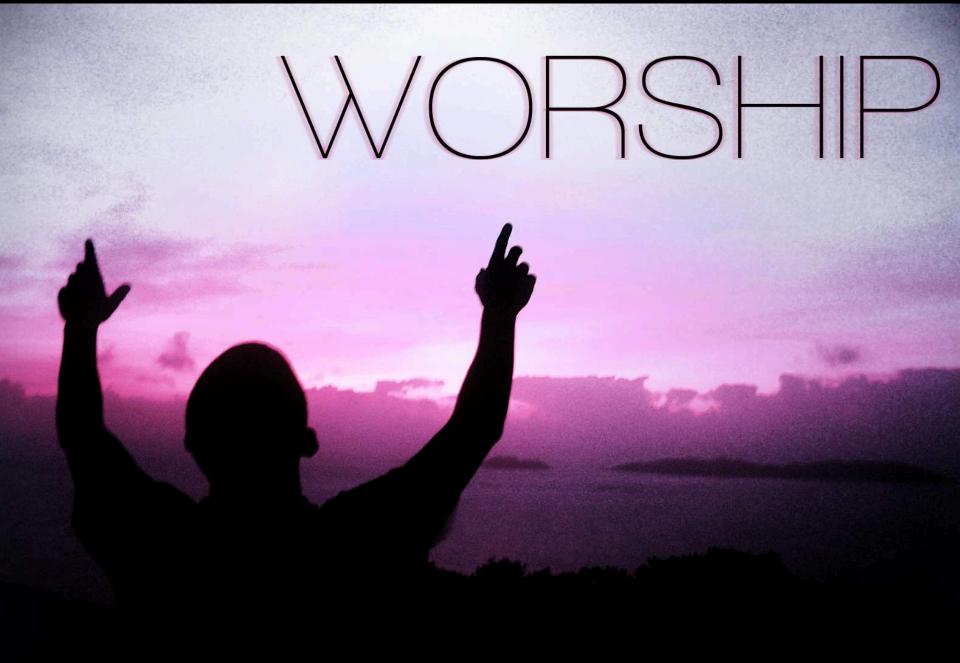
"Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.....

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

(John 4:21,23 ESV)

"The frightening freedom of worship in the New Testament is a missionary mandate. We must not lock this gospel treasure in any cultural straitjacket. Rather let us find the place, the time, the dress, the forms, the music that kindles and carries a passion for the supremacy of God in all things."

John Piper



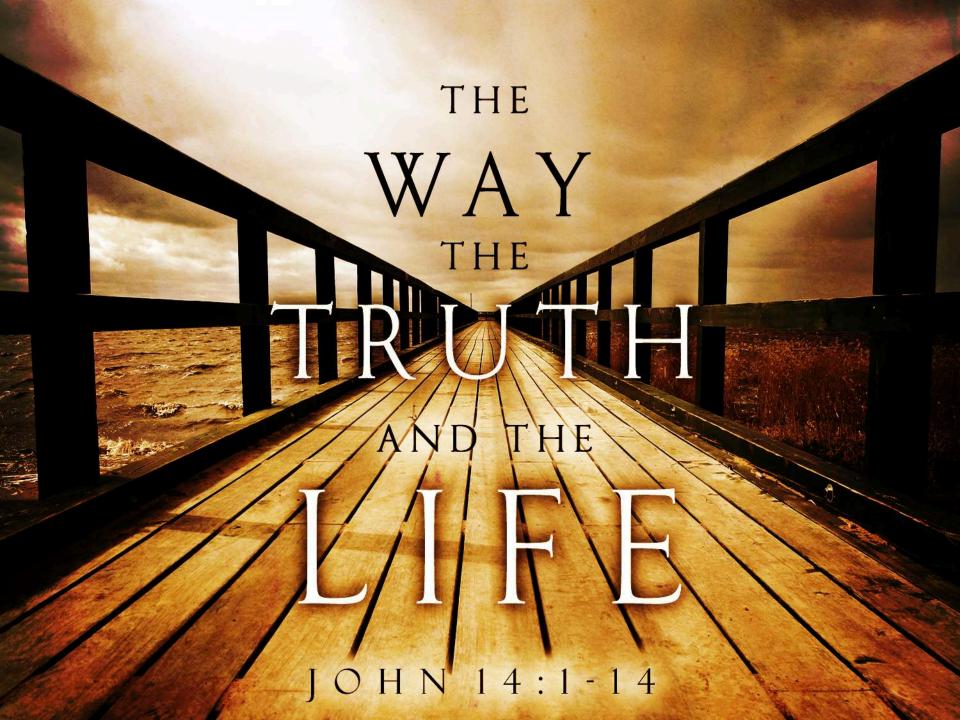
DRAW NEAR TO GOD

let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

(Hebrews 10:22 ESV)

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(Hebrews 4:16 ESV)



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