

**Bible e-Study** on the book of Hebrews (9a)

**Let It Go, Let It Go**

*11 But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation.*

Hebrews 9:11

**NUGGET** – You’ve probably heard the song “*Let It Go*” from the Disney movie Frozen. (For some people with little ones, they’ve perhaps heard it more than they’d care to!) The basic theme of the song is summed up in the line, “I’m never going back, the past is in the past, let it go...” In the story the girl Elsa has decided to live within the limitations she has and to let go of the past and no longer be bound by the expectations of others. That idea of letting go of the past, and that the expectations of others should no longer bind you, find a common thread with the nugget verse today.

When you combine that verse with the first verse from chapter nine, ***Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary***, this becomes clearer. When Jesus, our high priest, came and died on the cross, shedding His blood, He entered into that ‘more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands... not a part of this creation.’ That old tabernacle, made with human hands, had to be ‘let go’ when Jesus came. By His blood He entered into the ‘greater and more perfect tabernacle.’ What we had been living with, under the first covenant was a model or a representation of the tabernacle of heaven.

God did this to teach us what sacrifice truly meant. By having the yearly ceremony of atonement and repeating that ceremony over and over and over and over again, we learned that it is a costly, bloody business to be forgiven of our sins. The high priest had to enter the holiest place with blood to make sacrifice for the sins of himself and for the people.

We had to endure this limitation so we could understand what was meant when the new covenant came. The first covenant was based on the earthly sanctuary, a part of earthly creation. It had expectations that had to be met by the people and the priests. Yes, God had commanded these things, but He did so in order to teach us that only His perfect sacrifice would guide us into trusting in Him alone for forgiveness. We had to let go of our expectations that we could achieve any sort of perfection on our own.

With the new covenant came the letting go of the old. The expectations placed on us by the law have been fully met by the new high priest Jesus Christ. The earthly has been shown to be the tool by which God has taught us of the heavenly, ***“the greater and more perfect tabernacle.”***

**APPLICATION -**

1. Jesus alone has made the new covenant for us. We have been given this as a gift. In the “Frozen” story, Elsa had been given a gift that she had to learn how to use properly. It took love to teach her how to use that. So also Jesus has used His love to teach us how to live under the new covenant. Perhaps you could watch that movie and see what parallels you can see to the gospel, (and also where it misses too.) In all this it’s important to remember that the gospel is pure gift from God’s mercy alone through the blood of Jesus the new high priest of the new covenant.

**PRAY** – Dear Jesus, You are the high priest of the new covenant. Guide us to let go of our expectations that we can accomplish our justification under the old covenant. Teach us to live such that You are glorified in all our speaking and doing for the mercy You bring to Your creation. In Your name we pray, amen.