Hebrews Lesson 36 Chapter 8

Vs 11 "And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest."

- Knowing the Lord doesn't change who you are. In the Millennial Kingdom, everyone will know the Lord, but there will still be those who are least, and those who will be great.
 - Trusting Jesus changes our eternal destination and gives us the Holy Spirit.
 - If we will heed the word of God and the leading of the Spirit of God, gradually, we may be able to change our life. But if we ignore the Lord's leading, we won't change.
- Unsaved men who practice biblical principles can be successful, though lost.
 - These people think they're saved because God is blessing them.
- Saved men who ignore biblical principles will not succeed in life.
 - \circ We look at these believers and think they can't possibly be saved, but they are.
- Zephaniah 3:12-13, God said He would leave an afflicted and poor people in Israel.
 - The Church's ministry does not involve correcting inequities in the world.
- Being poor is not necessarily a sin:
 - If you're doing the best you can with the abilities that you have.
 - \circ $\,$ If you choose to be poor because it enables you to do more for the Lord.
 - But God doesn't expect you to live a poor life.
- Being poor is a sin if it results from laziness, neglect, foolishness, or carelessness.

"11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour..."

Isaiah 29:23-24 "They...shall come to understanding..." "They—shall learn doctrine."

- They can't learn doctrine unless somebody is teaching.
 - Hebrews 8:11 doesn't say they won't teach doctrine.
 - It says they won't teach people to know the Lord. Why? "All shall know me."
 - There will still be a need for interpreting the scriptures for people, even with God's laws in their minds and hearts (vs 10).
 - Having God's word in your heart (Ps 119:11) doesn't guarantee you won't sin. It gives the Holy Spirit something to work with.

Vs 12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness..."

• There will still be unrighteousness during the millennium. This will be dealt with according to the new covenant.

Vs 13 "...that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away."

• Possible interpretation: The temple will be destroyed soon. Don't go back there.

Notes:

The new covenant (vs 8):

- Parties involved:
 - \circ God
 - Saved sinners in Christ
- Object of the covenant:
 - \circ $\;$ It is the display of divine love in the redemption of sinners.
- Conditions of the covenant:
 - Perfect obedience to all Old Testament Laws (fulfilled by Jesus).
 - Full payment for sins (paid by Jesus).
 - Faith in the Lord Jesus with regard to the first two conditions.

The Tabernacle (vs 2)

- The Holy Spirit used the Tabernacle rather than the Temple as an illustration.
 - For a people who have left Egypt and are heading toward the Promised Land.
 - o Type of the heavenly place where God dwells.
 - Type of Jesus Christ, the meeting place between God and man.
- Divided into three parts:
 - \circ Outer court: body
 - Holy Place: spirit.
 - Holy of Holies: soul (where God dwells).

The man in the temple on the throne (vs 3-4)

- Jeremiah 17:12
- Ezekiel 1:26
- Psalm 24:1-4, 8

Seven Promises of the New Covenant:

- 1. Obedience: "My laws in their minds."
- 2. Devotion: "My laws in their hearts."
- 3. Satisfaction: "I will be their God."
- 4. Sanctification: "They shall be my people."
- 5. Unity: "All shall know me."
- 6. Mercy: "To their unrighteousness."
- 7. Forgiveness: "I will remember no more."

"...Sayeth the Lord." (vs 8)

- The writer is often not referred to in Hebrews.
 - \circ $\;$ Because the Hebrews knew their scripture $\;$
 - \circ $\;$ To downplay the emphasis on the men through whom God spoke.
 - \circ $\;$ To promote the searching of the scriptures.