

THE SUPERIOR SACRIFICE

HEBREWS 9:14

Introduction:

From the beginning man has felt the need of a sacrifice. His awareness of God moves him to attempt to appease God in some way. When you visit the most primitives cultures, you will find the people offering sacrifices. They know just enough to know that some kind of atonement needs to be made. In themselves they are not prepared to stand before the deity.

With the Hebrew people it was different. They offered sacrifices that had been commanded by God. They offered both animal and material sacrifices. The sacrifices brought them only a temporary relief however. They never brought to them a sense that things were really right with God. They felt the need of another sacrifice.

One of the purposes of the law of sacrifices was to create this sense of need, and to point the way to a greater sacrifice.

The writer of Hebrews understood the significance and the superiority of the sacrifice of Christ. The statement of our text highlights the superiority of the sacrifice.

- I. THE SUPERIOR PERSON OFFERED.
- II. THE SUPERIOR PURPOSE ACHIEVED.

III. THE SUPERIOR POWER RELEASED.