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Prayer Meeting Address by Mr. J. Delves at "Ebenezer" Clapham on
Monday evening 24.2.75

Hymns 481 (1-4), 928

Reading Hebrews 9 from v.19

In the last three verses the word once is mentioned - "But now once in the end of the world: hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself". "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many."

This has, as you may notice, a particular reference. This once refers in the first place to the Lord Jesus Who now once in the end of the world hath appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself, and in the last verse it is said "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many". There was never such an offering as this offering, it had merit and virtue in it for the eternal redemption of all for whom He offered Himself. What a mercy if you and I have an interest in this. It has also reference to us, to you and myself, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment". How profoundly solemn it is, how many millions die under the lie that it is the end of it all we do not know, but what a mercy if you and I being prepared, will come within the company that is mentioned here. "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many". That one offering appeased justice, made atonement for His people's sins, and secured their everlasting heaven. O blessed, glorious Son of God Who accomplished the work, and as it is said in verse 24 "Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us". He has not entered into a material tabernacle like that in the wilderness but into the presence of God for us. What a sacrifice, what satisfaction it gave, think what it secured for millions on whose behalf He suffered, and what can be the greatest blessing that you and I can know, but to have an interest in this wonderful blessed sacrifice. So as we hear of one and another who are taken to their heavenly home, they are carried there, that is their ransomed souls, upon this ground, the atonement of Christ. We read that John saw them with their robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. There is no other way to heaven, and if you and I are kept close to the atonement, resting there, putting our trust in it, feeling a sacred peace, we shall be there one day to join the ransomed throng and crown Him Lord of all. Amen.