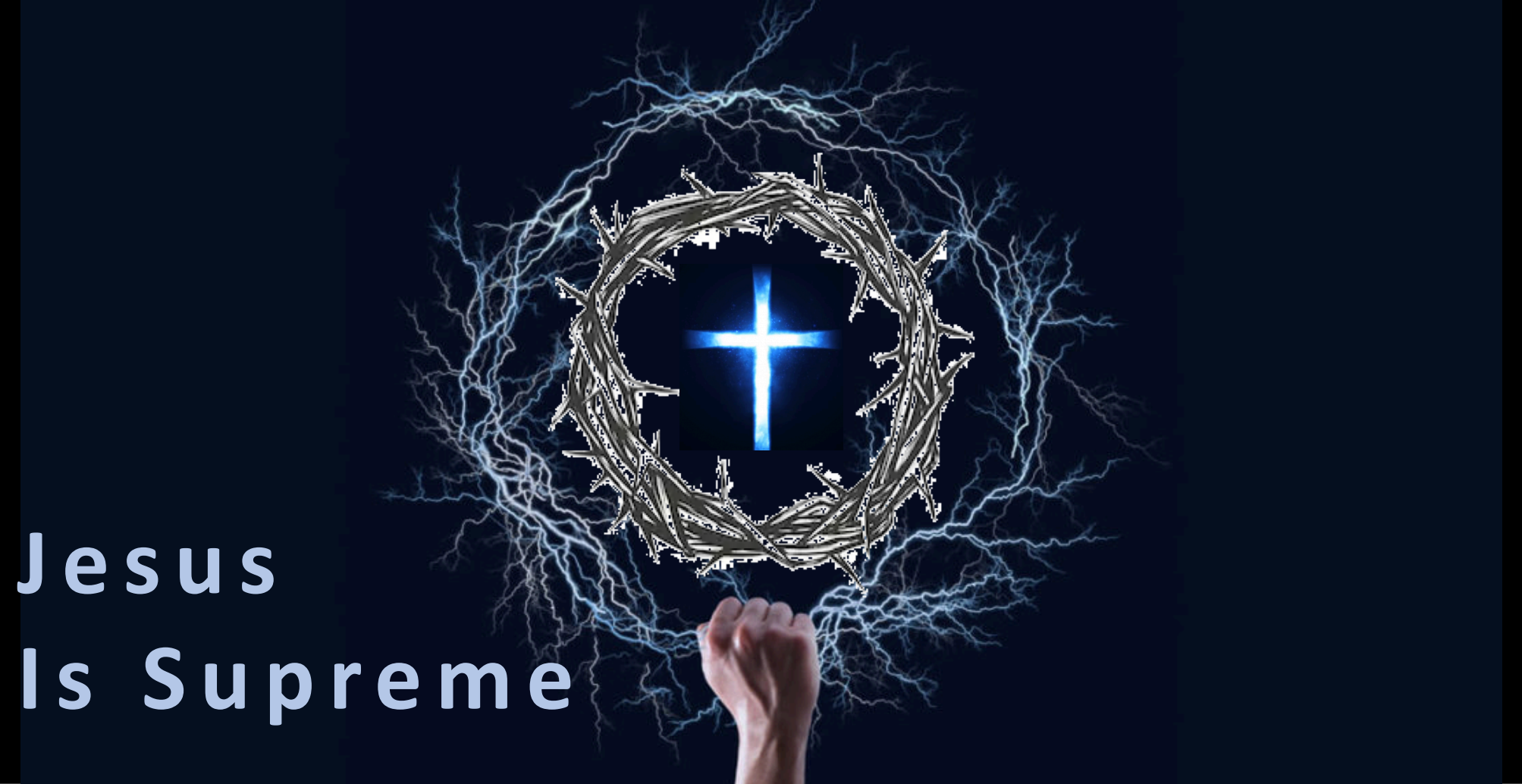


A hand is shown from the bottom, holding a crown of thorns. In the center of the crown is a bright, glowing blue cross. The entire scene is set against a dark blue background with several bright, jagged lightning bolts radiating outwards from the crown.

Jesus
Is Supreme

The Perfect Sacrifice

Hebrews 9:15-28

Recap of Heb 9:1-14

★ Hebrews 9: 1-14

- ◆ Rules for earthly worship in the tabernacle
- ◆ Necessary steps for making sacrifices

★ The blood of Christ (v14)

- ◆ Different from the human priests' offering
- ◆ Cleansing the inside rather than the outside

Three parts:

- ✦ 1. Blood needs to be offered (v15-22)
- ✦ 2. Not just any blood, but the right blood (v23-25)
- ✦ 3. The right blood offered in the right way (v 26-28)

1. Blood needs to be offered

★ A new covenant

- ◆ Eternal inheritance and forgiveness of sins
- ◆ Only the Messiah could give – a new order

★ Blood must be spilt – death must occur

- ◆ Will only takes effect on death
- ◆ Life is in the blood (Lev 17:11)

2. Not just any blood...

- ★ Levitical priests also offered blood
 - ◆ First for themselves, then the people
 - ◆ Adequate for their purpose-but not permanent
 - ◆ Illustration of children at play
 - ◆ Our worship and offering is us “playing at heaven”
 - ◆ Copies of heavenly things, in anticipation of better sacrifices

2. ...but the RIGHT blood

- ✦ What is this better sacrifice? Not what, but who
- ✦ Jesus' blood offered to cleanse "the heavenly things":-
 - ◆ Moses cleansed the tabernacle and the worshippers
 - ◆ Heavenly tabernacle perfect – worshippers purified by Jesus
- ✦ Jesus' offered his own blood
 - ◆ Familiar practice – different outcome

3. RIGHT blood offered the RIGHT way

- ★ Manner of sacrifice is familiar to the Jews
 - ◆ Lev 16 and 17 – sacrifice MUST be done by high priest
- ★ Question - Who killed Jesus?
 - ◆ Romans? Us?
 - ◆ High priests and Sanhedrin (Matt 27:65)
 - ◆ Jn 18:31, Matt 27:24; Pharisees used Romans to kill Jesus

3. RIGHT blood offered the RIGHT way

- ✦ In accordance with God's plan -
 - ◆ Jesus the perfect sacrifice
 - ◆ Sacrifice was once for all, "final solution to sin" (MSG)
 - ◆ Next time we see Jesus, will be for salvation

Living It –

- ✦ “Copies of heavenly things”
 - ◆ Our picture – a foretaste of things to come
 - ◆ What should the new heaven and earth look like?
 - ◆ Because of Jesus’ sacrifice for us, we are the priests of the new covenant
 - ◆ We MUST play at heaven on earth

Living It –

★ 1 Peter 2 –

- ◆ Living stones, spiritual house, holy priesthood (v5)
- ◆ Live good lives to glorify God (v12)

★ What should that look like? Some practical tips

- ◆ Grocery/food runs for older friends
- ◆ Support local businesses
- ◆ Be generous to daily rated workers
- ◆ Feed the hungry, care for the homeless

★ New heaven and new earth starts with US