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JESUS IS BETTER

Hebrews 9:1-14

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness [sanctuary, NIV].² For a tent [tabernacle] was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place.³ Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place,⁴ having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant.

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⁵ Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. ⁶ These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, ⁷ but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.

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⁸ By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing ⁹ (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, ¹⁰ but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation [the new order, NIV].

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¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent [tabernacle, NIV] (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places [Most Holy Place, NIV], not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

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¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Hebrews 9:23-24

²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places [sanctuary, NIV] made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

1. The Inadequacy of the Earthly Sanctuary

Hebrews 9:1-14, 23-24

The Two Sanctuaries

Earthly

First covenant (9:1)

**The OT tabernacle with its furniture
(9:1-5)**

Repeated sacrifices (9:6)

**Limited access
to God (9:7-8)**

Can't perfect conscience (9:9-10)

Heavenly

New covenant (9:15)

**Greater tabernacle made without
hands (9:11)**

One sacrifice (9:12)

**Open access to God
(implied; cf. 10:19-20)**

Purifies the conscience (9:14)

1. The Inadequacy of the Earthly Sanctuary

Application: Don't go back to the Old Covenant

Hebrews 8:13: In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

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Application: Don't go back to the Old Covenant

Hebrews 10:9b: He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

2. Christ's superior ministry in the heavenly sanctuary

Hebrews 9:11-14; 23-24

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2. Christ's superior ministry in the heavenly sanctuary

a. He entered God's presence

- "The greater and more perfect tent" (v. 11)
- "He entered ... the Most Holy Place" (v. 12, NIV)
- "For Christ has entered, not into holy places [sanctuary, NIV] made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." (v. 24)

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b. He offered himself through death

- "he entered once for all into the holy places [Most Holy Place, NIV], not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood" (v. 12)
- "through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God" (v. 14)

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c. He secured eternal redemption

- “securing an eternal redemption” (v. 12)
- “purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God” (v. 14)

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Application

- Has your conscience been cleansed?

2. Christ's superior ministry in the heavenly sanctuary

Application

- Has your conscience been cleansed?
- Are you serving the living God?



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