

Series "Jesus Is Better"
"The Better Sanctuary"
Hebrews 9:1-14
Study-18

Hebrews 7-10 – A Superior Priesthood: Jesus Christ

The Thought Of Our Passage: "The Old Sanctuary Was Earthly, Cleansing The External; The New Sanctuary Brings A Cleansed Conscience And The Forgiveness Of Sins."

1. Verses 1-10 – Old And Inferior Sanctuary

2. Verses 11-14 – New And Superior Sanctuary

1. Verses 1-10 – Old And Inferior Sanctuary:

Hebrews 9:1

"Now even the first covenant" – Hebrews 8: Christ's Better Covenant.

Hebrews 8:13

Jesus Mediates A Better Covenant – Hebrews 8

Jesus Mediates In A Better Sanctuary – Hebrews 9

4 Reasons Why The Old Sanctuary Was Inferior:

1. Verse 1 – The Old Sanctuary Was Inferior Being Earthly:

"and the earthly sanctuary." – Tabernacle Of Moses, Exodus 25-40.

"earthly" – "local and transitory"

"sanctuary" – literally translates as "set apart place, holy place."

Hebrews 9:11

2. Verses 2-5 – The Old Sanctuary Was A Type Of Something Better: Hebrews 9:2

Pictures 1-3 – The Holy Place – "For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one,"

Picture 4 – Lampstand – "in which were the lampstand", (Ex. 25:31-40; 27:20-21; 37:17-24).

Pictures 5-6 – Table Of Showbread – “and the table and the sacred bread;” (Ex. 25:23-30; 37:10-16; Lev. 24:5-9). These loaves were called “the bread of presence” and the table was called “the table of presence.”

Verse 3 – Holy Of Holies – Hebrews 9:3

Pictures 7-8 – Holy Of Holies – “Holy of Holies,”

Hebrews 9:4

Picture 9 – The Alter Of Incense – “having a golden altar of incense”, Exodus 30:6, Exodus 30:1-10; 37:25-29.

Exodus 40:5

Picture 10 – The Ark Of The Covenant – “and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold,” (Ex. 25:10-22).

Inside the ark were 3 significant objects from Israel’s history:

- a. **“in which was a golden jar holding the manna,”** – (Exod. 16:14-36). Pot of manna as a testimony of God’s providential care to the Israelites. Jesus is the Bread of Life who gives eternal life to all who receive Him (John 6:32).
- b. **“and Aaron’s rod which budded,”** – (Numbers 16-17) Jesus lives by the power of an endless life, resurrection power, so we can be fruitful for God.
- c. **“the tables of the covenant;”** – (Exodus 25:16; Deut. 10:4-5) The Law of God was in Christ’s heart; He perfectly obeyed and fulfilled (Ps. 40:6-8; Heb. 10:5-9).

Hebrews 9:5

Exod. 25:18-21

“the mercy seat;” – speaks of “pardon”.

3. Verses 6-8 – The Old Sanctuary Had Restricted Access:

Hebrews 9:6-7

Hebrews 9:7

"committed in ignorance." – "no knowledge," referring to the sins of ignorance.

Hebrews 9:8

"tabernacle is still standing," – "while the first tabernacle still has any standing."

Jesus' Death On The Cross Opened The Way –
Matthew 27:50-51.

4. Verses 9-10 – The Old Sanctuary Brought Partial Cleansing:

Hebrews 9:9

"which is a symbol" – "figure," or literally a "parable" – "for the present time."

Sacrifices Were Inadequate because they could not Accomplish Spiritual reality; "Accordingly, both gifts and sacrifices are."

Hebrews 9:10

"a time of reformation." – Medical term for setting of a fracture; out of joint; Literally means "to straighten out thoroughly."

2. Verses 11-14 – New And Superior Sanctuary:

Hebrews 9:11

3 Reasons Why The New Sanctuary Is Superior:

1. Verses 11-12 – The New Sanctuary Gains Our Redemption:

"But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come,"

Heaven – "another dimension of existence, another realm of invisible reality, beyond our senses, spiritual kingdom in which God and angels function."

Hebrews 9:12

Better Sacrifice: "but through His own blood,"

Christ's human nature enabled Him to die, and His divine nature gave to that death an infinite value.

Better Method Complete: "He entered the holy place once for all,"

"redemption" – "pay a ransom in order to set captives free, to purchase back, buy back."

2. Verses 13-14 – The New Sanctuary Purifies Our Conscience:

Hebrews 9:13

"the ashes of a heifer," – Numbers 19:1-13: cleansed a person who touched a dead body; cleanse externally only!

Hebrews 9:14

Hebrews 8:10

Voluntary Death Of Jesus: "who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God,"

2 Corinthians 3:3

Hebrews 10:22

Only God can cleanse our conscience; Remove the guilt of sin and shame, 1 John 1:9.

3. Verse 14 – The New Sanctuary Brings Purity To Our Service:

"to serve the living God?" Hebrews 13:15-16; Rom. 12:1-2; Phil. 4:18.

Application:

1. Many Spiritual Truths Are Wrapped Up In The Furnishings Of The Old Tabernacle. All Of Them Are Of Value. But The Most Important Truth Is, All Of This Was Symbolism And Not The Spiritual Reality.
2. Christ's Human Nature Enabled Him To Die, And His Divine Nature Gave To That Death An Infinite Value, Having Obtained Eternal Redemption.
3. Only God Can Cleanse Our Conscience; Remove The Guilt Of Sin And Shame, 1 John 1:9.