

## Hebrews: "The New Covenant Foreshadowed"

Hebrews 9:1-10

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### The Old Testament Earthly Sanctuary (vs 1-10)

1. The outer sanctuary was the Holy Place. (vs 2)
2. The inner sanctuary was the Most Holy Place. (vs 3-5)
  - a. Golden censer or altar of incense
  - b. The Ark of the Covenant
    - Manna
    - Rod of Aaron with buds
    - Two slabs of the Ten Commandments
3. Priests entered the Holy Place every day for acts of worship. (vs 6)
4. The High Priest entered the Holy of Holies. (vs 7)

*"He shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of the meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly." Leviticus 16:33*

5. The lessons of the earthly tabernacle and worship. (vs 8)
  - a. The way into God's presence was not open.  
I Corinthians 15:50
  - b. Gifts and sacrifices could not remove the guilt.  
Galatians 5:21; Ephesians 5:5

c. The great day of reformation.

Isaiah 29:13; Titus 1:16

**LET'S GO DEEPER:**

1. What does it mean for Christians to approach God?
2. Where does Scripture command us to approach and worship God?
3. Why is it significant that a central tabernacle in which God is to be worshiped no longer remains? What does this mean for individual Christians and for the corporate gathering of Christians in the local church?
4. Look at verses 2–5 again. To what deeper realities do each of these objects in the tabernacle point? What do they tell us about God, the new covenant, Jesus Christ, and ourselves?
5. What does it mean that Christ's work on the cross eliminates the division between the most holy place and the holy place? Why does this matter for Christians?