

# Hebrews 9

Jesus

**Hebrews 8:13** In that He says, "A new covenant," **He has made the first obsolete.** Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is **ready to vanish away.**

It gets old trying to be good and failing

We need the New Wine of the Spirit!

## I. Earthly Sanctuary

1 Then indeed, even the **first covenant** had **ordinances of divine service** [lit. worship] and the **earthly sanctuary.**

Old Covenant Ordinances: Divinely given to Moses by God

Everything regarding the earthly Tabernacle had/has Divine Significance

2 For a tabernacle was prepared: the **first part**, in which was the **lampstand**, the **table**, and the **showbread**, which is called the sanctuary [lit. **Holy Place**].

**Exodus 26:31** You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen...Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the **holy place and the Most Holy.**

Behind the First Veil: **The Holy Place**

Place of Earthly Service

- **Golden Candlestick:** God's Light/Churches of Rev
- **Table of Showbread:** Symbols of God's continuing provision

Both speak of Jesus

Jesus the Light of the World/Jesus the Bread of Life

**3 ...and behind the second veil**, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All [Most Holy/Holy of Holies] **4** which had the **golden censer** and the **ark of the covenant** overlaid on all sides with gold, in

which were the golden pot that had the **manna**, Aaron's **rod** that budded, and the **tablets** of the covenant 5 and above it were the **cherubim** of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things **we cannot now speak in detail.**

- **Behind the First Veil:** The Holy Place/Place of Earthly Service

Behind the Second Veil: **Holy of Holies**

Place of Divine Service

- **Golden Censer**/AKA Alter of incense. Transferred in/out by Aaron. Prayer
- **Ark of the Covenant:** Wood covered w/Gold
  1. **Manna:** God's Provision/Word of God
  2. **Aaron's Rod:** Life from Death/Resurrection
  3. **2 Tablets:** Law fulfilled by Jesus
- **Two Cherubim**

**Exodus 25:20** And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the **mercy seat** with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat.

- **Mercy Seat:** Lid for the Ark. Sprinkled w/blood on Day of Atonement

All speaking of Jesus...

**John 20:12** [Mary Magdalene] ...saw **two angels in white sitting**, one at the **head** and the other at the **feet**, where the body of Jesus had lain.

- First Covenant had Divine Ordinances w/in the Tabernacle
  1. Earthy Service/Worship in the Holy Place
  2. Divine Service/Worship in the Holy of Holies...

**Leviticus 16:2b... I will appear** in the cloud above the mercy seat.

Where only the High Priest served/worshiped the Living God

## **II. No Access**

6 Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always [continually] went into the **first part** of the tabernacle, **performing the services** [worship].

Common Priests Served/Worshiped God in the Holy Place  
Tended the Lampstand/Replaced Showbread etc....

7 But into the **second part** the high priest went **alone once a year**, not without **blood**, which he **offered for himself and for the people's sins** committed in ignorance...

The High Priest Served/Worshiped God in the Most Holy Place

- **Once a year:** Day of Atonement
- **Alone** and Offering Blood

Offered blood of animals for his own sins/Sins of the people  
Sins committed in ignorance/Missing the mark

- **Known sin:** Covered by regular sin offerings/daily sacrifices

8 ... the Holy Spirit indicating this *that **the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest*** while the first tabernacle was still standing.

Since we cannot approach God in our sin/Law only covered sin  
The way to God was not found in the Old Covenant

9 It [Day of atonement] was **symbolic** for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which **cannot make** [even] **him** who performed the service **perfect in regard to the conscience** — 10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed **until the time of reformation.**

The High Priest knew he/People would blow it again  
Something more than fleshly ordinances/Animal blood was required

Ceremonial Laws only postponed AND looked ahead to what/Who was coming  
**Time of Reformation:** A New Covenant ushered in by Jesus Christ

### III. Access Won

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

The earthly High Priest was a *stand-in* doing his best but not enough

The earthly tabernacle was a *stand-in* for a better One to come

The High Priest **came to** the tabernacle offering an incomplete/Imperfect sacrifice

Jesus **came with** a greater more complete tabernacle/sacrifice...His own Body

**John 2:19b** ... Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But **He was speaking of the temple of His body.**

The greater more perfect Tabernacle?

Jesus own body/Not made w/hands/Not part of creation

Tabernacle w/in a Tabernacle?

There is a Tabernacle in Heaven

Is there a Temple in Heaven?

- **Temple:** 0X
- **Tabernacle:** 9X in Hebrews

**Revelation 11:19** Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

**Revelation 14:15** ...another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." ... 17 Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

**Revelation 15:5** After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. 6 And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands ...8 The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

**Revelation 16:1** Then I heard a loud voice **from the temple** saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth." ... **17** Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

**Revelation 21:22** [The Glory of the New Jerusalem] But **I saw no temple in it**, for **the Lord God Almighty** and the **Lamb are its temple**. **23** The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the **glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.**

Jesus body represents a greater Tabernacle/Temple...

**Matthew 27:51** Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom...

**Hebrews 10:19** [Now] Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the **blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way** which He consecrated for us, **through the veil, that is, His flesh**

The body of Jesus opened the way to the Father.

Holy of Holies

**John 14:6 I am the way** the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Jesus *came with* [not to] a Greater Tabernacle: **His Body**

Jesus came with a Greater/Complete Sacrifice: **His Blood...**

**12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood** [Jesus] **entered the Most Holy Place once for all**, having obtained **eternal redemption.**

Jesus approached the Father w/His own blood

The full price paid for our Redemption

**13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies [sets apart] for the purifying [cleansing] of the**

flesh, 14 **how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself** without spot [blemish] **to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

**Ephesians 1:7** In [Jesus] we have **redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

The Blood of Christ bought us back from sin/death

The Blood of Christ took away our all our sin

The Blood of Christ continues to cleanse us from sin

**1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

God the Son offered Himself through God the Spirit to God the Father. Appropriating His sacrifice to our need cleanses our conscience from dead works making a way for us to abandon a legalistic relationship with God for a love relationship with God through Jesus. [NJC]

### Cleansing the Unclean

**Matthew 8:2** ...behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, **if You are willing**, You can make me clean." 3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "**I am willing**; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Jesus blood is the Cleanser of any/all Sin

He is willing/able to make you clean

15 And for this reason **He is the Mediator of the new covenant**, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Every person saved is saved in the same manner...

By Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone

**Romans 3:25** [Jesus] ...whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had **passed over the sins that were previously committed...**

Today you will be with Me in Paradise

After His Death/Resurrection Jesus went to Paradise to bring OT Saints to Heaven

Jesus brought OT/NT Saints together by His Death on the Cross

OT Saints looked forward to the Cross... NT Saints look back at the Cross

The Old Covenant died w/Jesus...

The New Covenant came to life when Jesus rose from the dead!

#### **IV. Testators Death Necessary**

16 For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 **For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.**

Testament/Covenant: Same word in the original

- **Testament:** Will
- **Testator:** Will-maker

A Testament cannot be in force until the Testator dies

IOWs Your kids don't get your stuff till you die

18 Therefore **not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood.**

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept [command] to all the people according to the law, **he took the blood of calves and goats**, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and **sprinkled both the book itself and all the people** 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." 21 Then likewise **he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.**

**Moses:** *This is the blood of the First [old] Testament*

IOWs Death was required before the first promise of covering could be in force

**Jesus:** *This is My blood of the New Testament*

IOWs When I die the Old Covenant dies with Me

When I rise a New Covenant will immediately be in force. A better one...

**Matthew 26:28** For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

- **Old Covenant Testator** died and left death as an inheritance
- **New Covenant Testator** Jesus died and we inherited Eternal Life

Old Covenant of Animal blood: Temporary Covering of sin

New Covenant of Jesus blood: Eternal Remission of sin

22 And according to the law almost all things are purified [cleansed] with blood, and without shedding of blood **there is no remission** [forgiveness].

**Leviticus 17:11** For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; **for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.**

## V. Reality in Jesus

23 Therefore it was necessary that the **copies of the things in the heavens** should be purified [cleansed] with these, but the **heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.**

Clearly, death was necessary to the Old Covenant. Virtually every part of the sacrificial system under the Law of Moses was touched by blood in some way or another. [Guzik]

Temple/Articles: Purified w/animal blood as a copy/substitute of the reality needed

IOWs Our sin had to be touched by the *blood of the perfect Lamb of God*

24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, **which are copies** [lit. representations] of the true, **but into heaven itself,**



now to **appear in the presence** [before the face] **of God for us** 25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— 26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, **once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.**

Jesus entered heaven to present His sacrifice for us to the Father  
Once at the end of the ages...To put sin away forever

27 And as it is appointed for **men to die once**, but **after this the judgment**, 28 so Christ was offered **once to bear the sins of many.**

Those in Christ no longer die/Those in Christ are no longer judged  
Jesus died and was judged for us/Once for all men, especially...

**28 ...those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time,** apart from sin, [this time] **for salvation.**

**Titus 2:13** [We are looking...] for the **blessed hope and glorious appearing** of our **great God and Savior Jesus Christ...**

Jesus came the first time to take our sin...And He will come again  
This time to lavish upon us all the good things He has prepared v11

**Ephesians 2:4** [We were dead in sin by the law] **But God**, who is **rich in mercy**, because of **His great love with which He loved us**, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ** [by grace you have been saved], 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...

That in the ages to come He could show us the exceeding riches of His grace  
In His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus

The Ceremonial Law was only a symbol of a reality  
The Ceremonial Law Melts away in the Light of the Reality of Jesus Christ!