



HEBREWS

THE INCOMPARABLE CHRIST

Hebrews: The Incomparable Christ



“The reader with a disturbed conscience is likely to find more help in Hebrews than almost anywhere else in Scripture. Here is the message of eternal forgiveness. God promises it. God declares it and Christ obtains it. Hebrews reminds us repeatedly of the assurance of pardon. God’s people enjoy the privilege of undeserved remission and eternal security.



**“Their sins are remembered no more
and their names are enrolled in heaven.
This is the staggering message of a better
hope, of a new covenant and an eternal
redemption.”**

- Raymond Brown

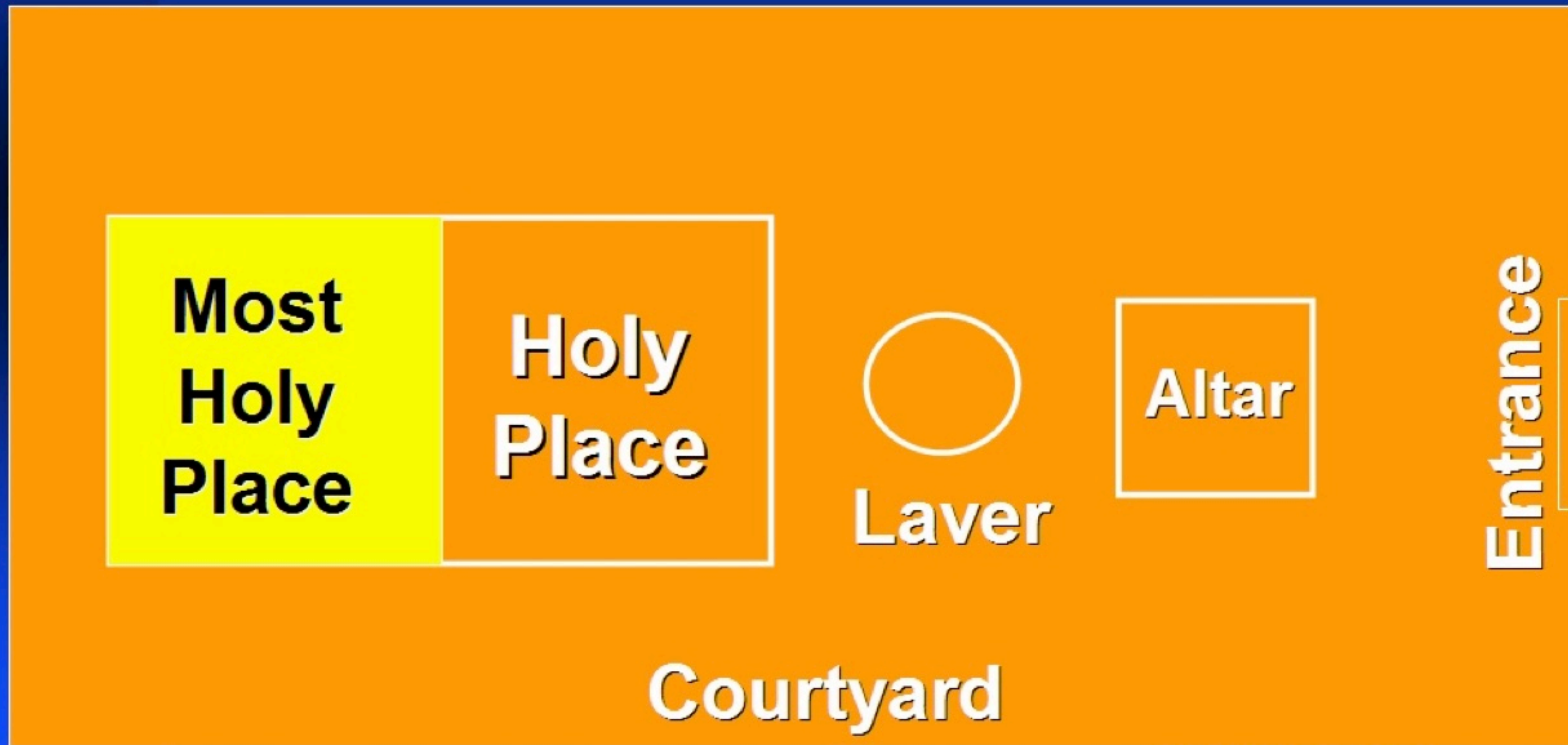


Hebrews 9 offers encouragement
to sinners [like us] in three categories:

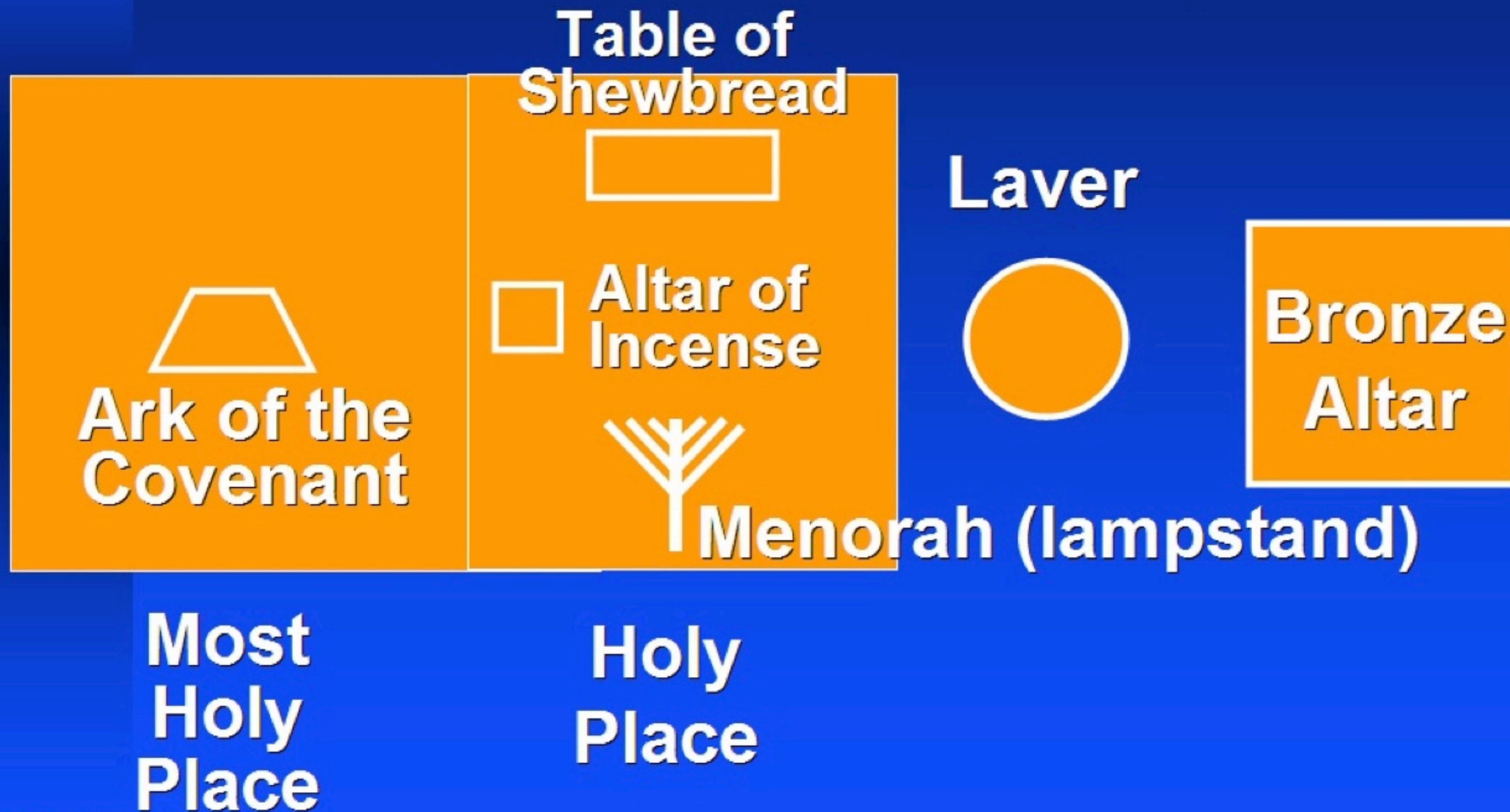
1. Access to God
2. Atonement for sin
3. Assurance of salvation



Tabernacle



Tabernacle



Hebrews 9 draws contrasts between:

- Covenants
- Places
- Priests
- Sacrifices
- Results



New Covenant greater than Old Covenant

OC - shadow

NC - substance

OC - external and symbolic

NC - internal and personal

OC - restricted access to God

NC - unlimited access to God



New Covenant greater than Old Covenant

OC - required sacrifice from us

NC - provides sacrifice for us

OC - regular repetition

NC - once for all

OC - reminder of sins

NC - remission of sins



New Covenant greater than Old Covenant

OC - covered by blood of animals

NC - cleansed by blood of Christ

OC - fearful in presence

NC - confident in presence

OC - symbolic atonement

NC - real atonement, full and free!



“By the presentation of his life to God as an unblemished offering he overcame the two most serious weaknesses in the old covenantal arrangement; namely severely restricted access to God and the inadequacy of the sacrifice offered to provide decisive cleansing.



“His fully sufficient sacrifice achieved a decisive removal of sin and won for his people unlimited access to God.”

- William L. Lane

Hebrews: A Call to Commitment



“It is highly significant that the only regular ritual act instituted and commanded by Jesus sets forth supremely his death. It is his *death*, his body given and blood shed, which the bread and wine were intended to signify. In issuing the command to ‘do this in remembrance’ of him, he intended that his atoning death should be kept before every generation, indeed ‘placarded’ before their very eyes.



“This according to Paul is the function of preaching. It is one of the functions of communion also. The ministry of both Word and sacrament makes Christ’s death contemporary, presenting it anew not to God [for the sacrifice itself was offered on the cross once for all] but to men [for its benefits are always freshly available].”

-John Stott
Christ the Controversialist



“Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;
Sing his mercy and his grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed
He’ll prepare for us a place.



“When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We’ll sing and shout the victory!”

- Eliza E. Hewitt
[1851-1920]



“Redeemed - how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever, I am.



“Redeemed! Redeemed!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed! Redeemed!
His child, and forever, I am.”

- Fanny J. Crosby
[1820-1915]



“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth passed away,
and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy
city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven
from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her
husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne,
saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is among
men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall
be His people,



“and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.’ And He who sits on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’ And He said, ‘Write, for these words are faithful and true.’”

- Revelation 21:1-5

