

## **Hebrews 9:1-14** Drawing Near to God

- I. Introduction:** The author explained that Jesus' sacrifice was superior to the Levitical sacrifices because it gives sinners access to God and cleanses their conscience from sin.
  
- II. Drawing Near to God (Heb 9:1-14).**
  - A. Access Prohibited (vv. 1-7).**
    - 1. The author of Hebrews explained that the old covenant sacrificial system revealed that mankind was prohibited from drawing close to God because of sin.
  
  - B. Access Pictured (vv. 8-10).**
    - 1. The writer proclaimed that the way to God has been opened through Jesus and that the former sacrifices illustrated what Christ's sacrifice would finally accomplish.
  
  - C. Access Provided (vv. 11-14).**
    - 1. The writer proclaimed that God has established a new sanctuary (in heaven) where mankind has complete access to Him through the blood of Jesus Christ.
  
- III. Conclusion:** The author wanted his audience to celebrate the greatness of Jesus' sacrifice, recognizing that His atoning work on the cross has opened access to God.

## **Study Questions: Drawing Near to God**

1. How can a sinner have access to God? Do you feel distant from God? Do you need forgiveness so you can draw close to Him? Do you need your conscience cleansed from sin?
2. What was in the Tabernacle that God instructed Moses to build? (**Heb 9:1-7**) How was the worship of God prescribed? (**v. 1**) Why did God tell Israel to build the Tabernacle? (**Ex 25:1-8**)
3. What did the High Priest do on Yom Kippur? (**Lev 16:1-34**) Why was blood necessary to atone for sin? (**Gen 2:17; Rom 6:23**) What did the Mosaic system communicate about sin? (**Isa 59:2**)
4. How did the author indicate that access to God was being revealed? (**Heb 9:8-10**) How was the sacrificial system a symbol of God's salvation? (**v. 9**) How did it picture Jesus?
5. Why were the Mosaic sacrifices unable to make the Jews "perfect in conscience"? (**Heb 9:9-10**) How did the sacrifice of Jesus free people from the judicial and emotional effects of sin?
6. What was the "time of reformation" the author is writing about? (**Heb 9:10**) How did Jesus completely restructure Israel's religious system? (**Heb 8:7-12**) Why did this unnerve them?
7. How did Jesus provide access to God's throne? (**Heb 9:11-14**) Why could the blood of animals not redeem mankind? (**v. 12; Gen 1:26-28**) Why did Jesus need to shed His blood? (**Gen 2:17**)
8. Are you trusting in dead works to save you? Have you been cleansed by the blood of Jesus? Do you want to draw close to God? Will you confess your sins so that you come near to Him?

### **Prayer**

1. Ask God to help you better understand Jesus' atoning work that was accomplished at Calvary.
2. Pray that God might cleanse your conscience from sin so that you can draw closer to Him.