

HEBREWS

SHADOWS



Hebrews (Sept. 6 to Nov. 8: One Book. Three Series)

In Hebrews, we see three major — and continual — themes. First, Jesus Christ is greater than any angel, priest, or old covenant practice. Second, Christians must not forsake the great salvation that Jesus has brought about. And third, believers must hold on by faith to the true rest found in Christ, and must encourage others in the church to do the same.

Group Discussion

Main Text:

Hebrews 9:1-28

1. What stood out to you from the sermon this week?
2. Do you feel guilty very often or very rarely? How do you deal with guilt when you do experience it? (e.g. bury it, rationalize it, punish yourself for it, try to make up for it)
3. Read Hebrews 9:1-5. This old covenant had a lot of details. What stands out to you about it? What all did a priest have to do for himself and for the people? What couldn't this old system accomplish?
4. Hebrews was written to people who were tempted to go back to an old religious system, even though it wasn't good for them. What things from your past are you tempted to return to, even though you know they aren't helpful or good?
5. Read Hebrews 9:9-10. The old covenant system provided very restricted access to God, partial cleansing of sins, and limited justification. How has Jesus changed all that and given us a better new covenant system?
6. Read Hebrews 9:14. You were not just saved *from* something, you were saved *for* something. How should we live in response to what Jesus has done for us?

Next Steps

Read Hebrews 9:22-24. While a shadow is not quite the real thing, it's an indicator of the real thing. Throughout the Bible there are shadows that point to Jesus.

What examples of this can you think of?

How does this reassure your faith?

This week, as you read your Bible, take note of all the shadows you see that are pointing to Jesus.



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