

## Lesson 10: Hebrews 9

Jesus Christ, as our High Priest, ministers on the basis of a better covenant (**Heb. 8**), but also in a better sanctuary. **Hebrews 9** presents a detailed contrast between the Old Covenant sanctuary (the tabernacle) and the New Covenant heavenly sanctuary where Jesus Christ now ministers. This contrast makes it clear that the New Covenant sanctuary is superior.

### Day 1

1. Pray!
2. Read **Hebrews 9**. Continue to mark key words. Also mark *blood*. And in this chapter, mark references to the *tabernacle* and the *holy place* in the tabernacle.
3. It helps to see a diagram of the tabernacle to refer to. Maybe your Bible has a picture (mine does) or some study tool you have. Online you can find a diagram. For example, BlueLetterBible (McGee has one there). Google it, they come up. It's helpful to be familiar with the lay-out. We will use the board in class!
4. The last thing for today, read the Old Testament description of the tabernacle in **Exodus 25-27**. This will help you understand **Hebrews 9** a little better.

### Day 2

1. Pray!
2. Read **Hebrews 9** again to really familiarize yourself with it.
3. Cleansing was an important function in the worship system. When the tabernacle was built, it was consecrated along with all the priests. Read the descriptions in **Exodus 40** and **Leviticus 8**.

### Day 3

1. Pray!
2. Read **Heb. 9: 1-10**.
3. Hebrews reminds readers that the regulations and practices in the tabernacle were ordained of God. If there was any inferiority in the tabernacle service, it was not because God had not established the ritual. While the Old Covenant was in force, the ministry of the priests was ordained of God and perfectly proper.

What was it, then that made the tabernacle inferior? There are five answers to that question. List a simple sentence answer below:

V 1

V 2-3

V 6-7

V 8

V 9-10

4. Now read **Hebrews 9: 11-28**. In every way the present sanctuary is superior. According to these verses, how so? Summarize with a simple sentence. I'll do the first one.

V 11 It is heavenly.

V 12-15

V 16-23

V 24

#### Day 4

1. Pray!

2. Read **Hebrews 9: 11-28**.

3. **Hebrews 9: 25-28** shows us one final thing about the ministry of the heavenly sanctuary. Its ministry is final and complete. The writer pointed out again obvious **contrasts** between the Old Covenant ministry and the New Covenant ministry.

I'll fill in the chart below for the Old Covenant... you fill in the contrasting answer for the New Covenant.

Old Covenant

New Covenant

Repeated sacrifices

The blood of others (animals)

Covering sin

For Israel only

Left the holy of holies

Came out to bless the people.

In short, the work of Christ is a completed work, final and eternal. On the basis of His completed work, He is ministering now in heaven on our behalf! That's our great High Priest! Halleluiah!!

4. Let us consider one last thing for today. Did you notice that the word "appear" is used three times in **Heb. 9: 24-28**. These three uses give us a summary of our Lord's work. List them below.

a.

b.

c.

## Day 5

1. Pray!

2. Everything in the Old Covenant tabernacle were representative of the true dwelling place of God in heaven, and Jesus pointed to all this in His earthly ministry. Read the following verses and identify which part of the tabernacle is represented:

Psalm 141:2

Matt. 27: 51

John 6: 33-51

John 8: 12

John 10: 9

1 Cor. 5: 7

Ephesians 5: 26

Heb. 4: 16

Heb. 7: 27

Heb. 10: 20

Rev. 8: 3-4

These truths are so powerful. We will go over this in class... what each piece of furniture teaches you about Jesus or God ... and other parts like “one gate”.

Remember that the tabernacle was designed to be the means by which Israel worshipped God. Your worship of God depends on Jesus, who is the reality that these various things foreshadow—the door, the sacrifice, the cleansing water, the light, the bread, the incense, the veil, and the Ark with the mercy seat and Shekinah glory!

As you close out this week’s homework, reflect on all you’ve studied. Vow to live a life of true worship. Remember the tabernacle and all it represents for true worship in Jesus. Worship God in spirit and truth!