

## The Epistle to the Hebrews

Hebrews 9:1-28

- Questions

1. What were the basic items in the earthly tabernacle under the first covenant (9:1-5)? (Make a simple sketch of the tabernacle described in 9:1-5.)
  - a) Items in “first” part or the Holy Place (9:2) –
  - b) Items in the “second” part or Holy of Holies (9:3-5) –
2. Who ministered in the “first tabernacle” and the “second”, what did they do there, and how often did they do it (9:6-7)?
3. What important lesson did the Holy Spirit teach by the service in the earthly tabernacle (9:8)?
4. What purpose did the earthly tabernacle serve in God’s overall plan to save mankind (9:9-10; see also 8:5; 9:23-24; 10:1)?
5. What deficiency was found in the tabernacle gifts and sacrifices (9:9; see also 7:11,18-19)
6. What are the three contrasts mentioned between the work of Christ in “the greater and more perfect tabernacle” and the priestly work within the first, earthly tabernacle (9:11-14)?
  - a) A contrast regarding the kind of place for the sacrifice (9:11) –
  - b) A contrast regarding what was sacrificed and how often (9:12) –
  - c) A contrast regarding the result of what was sacrificed (9:13-14) –
7. What did Jesus’ blood accomplish with regard to mankind’s transgressions (9:15, 22) and with regard to the establishment of the new covenant or testament (9:16-21)?
8. What are the two contrasts mentioned between Jesus’ “better” sacrifice and the priestly sacrifices within the first tabernacle (9:23-28)? (continued on next page)

a) A contrast with regard to place of sacrifice (9:23-24) –

b) A contrast with regard to time or number of sacrifice (9:25-28; see also 9:12b, 14a) –

9. What comes after death (9:27)?

10. What will Jesus do when he comes a “second time” (the second coming of Christ) since he has finally and sufficiently dealt with sin? What alone remains to be done (9:28)?

#### • Digging Deeper

1. Where in the Old Testament is a good description found of the tabernacle and its service (9:1-5) as well as the work of the priests and the high priest (9:6-7)? What does the author refer to when he speaks of the “first tabernacle” and the “second” (9:2,6-7)?

2. What purpose does the author have in mind by describing the items in the earthly tabernacle (compare 9:5b with 9:9a and 9:11)?

3. What do the words “figure” (9:9), “copy” (9:23), and “pattern” (9:24) mean and how does the author use these words with reference to the OT tabernacle?

4. What OT scriptures discuss the blood of goats, bulls and a heifer (9:13)?

5. What OT scripture is quoted in Hebrews 9:20?

6. What are the “better” things listed in the book of Hebrews up to this point (9:23)?

#### • Applications for Today

1. We are living in the “time of reformation” when all things religiously are changed and made perfect (complete) in Jesus Christ (9:10; Mt. 19:28; 2 Cor. 5:17).

2. We live under the new “testament” today, not the old testament (9:16-17; Mt. 26:28)

3. We remember Jesus’ “blood of the covenant” in the Lord’s supper (9:20; Mt. 26:28).

4. Remission of sins is accomplished by the blood of Jesus and applying his blood in baptism (9:22; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Pet. 3:21)

5. It is appointed unto men once to die; no reincarnation; no second chance to get it right (9:27; Lk. 19:16-31).

6. A judgment day is coming. Are you ready (9:27; Acts 17:30-31)?

7. Are you waiting (obedient and hopeful) for Jesus unto salvation (9:28; Tit. 2:13)?