

Hebrews 9:1-28 **Old Covenant / New Covenant**

Old Covenant Tabernacle

¹ Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. ² For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; ³ and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, ⁴ which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; ⁵ and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

Old Covenant Ritual

⁶ Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. ⁷ But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; ⁸ the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. ⁹ It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience-- ¹⁰ concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

New Covenant Superiority

¹¹ But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Blood Requirement – All things purified with blood

¹⁶ For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. ¹⁷ For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. ¹⁹ For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." ²¹ Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. ²² And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

Power in the Blood of Christ

²³ Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; ²⁵ not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another-- ²⁶ He then would have had to suffer

often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.

To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

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Facts Revealed:

Old Covenant Tabernacle [Hebrews 9:1-5]

✚ Description of the earthly Sanctuary.

✧ First part the Holy-Place containing the Lampstand, Table of Incense, and Table of Showbread. [Hebrews 9:1-2, Exodus 26:35]

✧ Beyond the second Veil the Holiest of All (Holy of Holies), into which was carried the golden censer of incense [Hebrews 9:3-4, Leviticus 16:12-13]

The Holy of Holies contained the Ark of the Covenant which was overlaid with gold inside and out. [Hebrews 9:4, Exodus 25:10-16, 37:1-5, 40:21]

Over the Ark of the Covenant was the Mercy Seat overshadowed by the cherubim. [Hebrews 9:5, Exodus 25:17-21, 26:31-34, 37:6-9, 40:20, Numbers 7:89]

Inside the Ark of the Covenant were: The tablets of the Covenant. [Hebrews 9:4, Exodus 25:21, 40:20, Deuteronomy 10:2, 5, 1 Kings 8:9, 2 Chronicles 5:10]

The golden pot that had the manna. [Hebrews 9:4, Exodus 16:33-34]

Aaron's rod that budded. [Hebrews 9:4, Numbers 17:10-11]

We cannot now speak of the service in detail.

Old Covenant Ritual [Hebrews 9:6-10]

✚ The Priests performed the regular services in the first part of the Tabernacle called the Holy-Place. [Hebrews 9:6]

✚ Once a Year on the Day of Atonement, the High Priest alone made Atonement for his own sins and the people's sins on the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies, the Holiest of All, the second part of the Tabernacle.

✧ The High Priest could not enter the Holiest place without Blood of Atonement which He offered for himself and for the people. [Hebrews 9:7]

✧ Atonement was made only for unintentional sins committed in ignorance. [Hebrews 9:7, Leviticus 4:1-35, 5:1-18, Numbers 15:22-29, Ezekiel 54:20]

✧ Intentionally presumptuous sin has no covering but are subject to the penalty of the Law. [Numbers 15:30-31]

✚ By this restriction the Holy Spirit was indicating that the way into the Holiest place was not made apparent while the first Tabernacle was still standing. [Hebrews 9:8]

✧ The old Tabernacle service of gifts, sacrifices, and offerings concerning foods, drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances were imposed until the time of reformation and were symbolic for the time. [Hebrews 9:9-10]

New Covenant Superiority [Hebrews 9:11-15]

✚ Christ came as High Priest of better things to come into the greater and more perfect Tabernacle in Heaven.

✧ Jesus did not enter the heavenly Tabernacle with the blood of goats and calves, as did the Levitical Priests in the earthly Tabernacle.

✧ The blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on the unclean temporarily sanctified for the purifying of the flesh.

✧ Christ entered the Most Holy Place in the heavenly Tabernacle once for all with His Own Blood by which He obtained eternal redemption for those who are His.

- ✧ The blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, has the power to cleanse your conscience from dead works based on the rituals of men, to serve the Living God in truth and holiness.
- ✧ Jesus is therefore, the Mediator of the New Covenant provided through His Blood.
- ✧ Through Him, **those who are called** may receive the promise of the Eternal Inheritance.

Blood Requirement – All things purified with blood [\[Hebrews 9:16-22\]](#)

- ✧ A Will can be altered at any time until the death of the Testator, therefore for an inheritance to be settled there is a requirement to locate the Last Will and Testament of the testator. Death of the Testator seals his Last Will as the final authority for settling his estate.
- ✧ God who could not die when he gave the first Covenant, confirmed the validity of that covenant with the blood of animal substitutes with which Moses sprinkled the Book of the Law, the people, the Tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.
- ✧ God established all His requirements by setting up the legal precedent from the start.
- ✧ The Law of Sacrifice established the fact that **all things are purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no remission (deliverance, forgiveness) of sins.**
[\[Hebrews 9:22, Leviticus 17:11\]](#)

Power in the Blood of Christ [\[Hebrews 9:23-28\]](#)

- ✧ The Tabernacle on earth was a copy of things in Heaven, and the things purified with blood were symbolic.
- ✧ The High Priests were required to enter the Most Holy Place in the earthly Tabernacle once each year with the blood of a substitute.
- ✧ The things in Heaven require a better sacrifice. [\[Hebrews 9:23\]](#)
- ✧ Christ did not enter the holy places made with men's hands which were the copy, but into Heaven itself to appear in the presence of God for us. [\[Hebrews 9:24\]](#)
- ✧ Jesus appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself, once for all. [\[Hebrews 7:26-27, 9:11-12, 25-26, 10:8-10, Romans 6:9-10\]](#)
- ✧ It is appointed for men to die once, but afterward the Judgment. [\[Hebrews 9:27\]](#)
- ✧ Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. [\[Hebrews 9:28\]](#)
- ✧ To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. [\[Hebrews 9:28\]](#)
- ✧ The believers who are saved by the blood of Christ will wait eagerly for His return to the very end.
- ✧ The first time Jesus came was to provide the Blood of Atonement to answer the sin problem. [\[Hebrews 9:28, Daniel 9:24\]](#)
- ✧ The next time Jesus will appear will be the time when our Salvation will be manifest to all as He sets up His eternal Kingdom, bringing in everlasting righteousness, sealing up prophecy, and anointing the Most Holy. [\[Hebrews 9:28, Daniel 9:24\]](#)