

Hebrews Study

The Runner's Power Hebrews 9:1-28

"He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption."

– Hebrews 9:12

When's the last time you drove through some road construction? Most likely everyday, if you live in the Atlanta area. Government laws dictate that when you need to update or reroute a road, you have to allow and adjust the old traffic patterns in a way that they continue to work. This includes things like off ramps, sidewalks, bridges, etc. This is like the New covenant that God established through Jesus. God had to establish an Old Covenant first in order to bring about the last one.

"What the Covenant could not do by repetition, year after year, Jesus did once, forever"

— Dr. Leo Percer, NT Professor

Worship in the Earthly Tabernacle vv. 1-10

What aspect of the old and new covenants is compared in this passage?

The priest enter one a year, with not His own blood.

What were the two rooms called? What were the things listed in the two different rooms?

Holy Place, Most Holy Place.

The lampstand, the Table, the consecrated bread

Golden altar of incense, the Ark—Manna, Aaron's staff, tablets

What truth was the Holy Spirit teaching through the once-a-year offering for sin under the old covenant?

The way to the Most Holy Place was not shown.

What do verses 9-10 say the OT gifts and sacrifices were unable to do?

Clear the consciences of the worshipper.

It was "just food and drink" washings,

The Blood of Jesus vv. 11-28

What is comparison with the different aspects of blood?

Blood of bulls and goats vs. Christ

Some other blood vs. Christ's own blood.

What types of ritual cleansing and use of blood did the high priest do in the OT times of presenting a sacrifice?

They would wash their hands, They would sprinkle blood on the various objects and themselves to make them acceptable to enter.

**What degree was the high priest clean according to verse 13?
What's the difference with Christ's blood in verse 14?**

Only outwardly.

Christ's blood cleansed our consciences (internally)

What reason is given in verse 14 for us to be cleansed?

"so that we may serve the living God" (just like the OT priests did.)

What's a covenant and a will? What's the connection between these and with blood?

A covenant is an agreement between 2 parties

A will is a document that gives instructions of an inheritance after a person dies

The blood shows that someone has died.

What universal spiritual truth is given in verse 22? Why does the first part say "nearly everything?"

Without blood, there is no forgiveness.

Some forgiveness was brought by grains, etc.

Since the "copy and shadow" of the earthly tabernacle was not as great as the real heavenly tabernacle it needed a better sacrifice. How does verse 24- show Christ's as better?

He went to the real sanctuary in Heaven, with God's presence

It was good for just a "once for all" sacrifice by Christ.

According to verse 27, what awaits everyone?

Death and to face judgment

What does the author of Hebrews says Christ will do a second time?

Appear and bring salvation to those waiting on Him.

How would it change the way we live if keep in mind that we will be judged?

Hopefully it's a little extra motivation to live right. -Security cameras.

Why are we still prone to wander away from Christ despite knowing what He did for us and of God's judgment?

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For the Road

Preparation for Next Week:

Read: *Hebrews 10:1-39*

Be Ready to Discuss:

Drawing Near to God in worship,
Psalm 40, What pleases God,
The process of Sanctification,
The call to persevere as believers

Further Study...

If you want a deep understanding of the tabernacle read through Exodus again. The detailed explanations and instructions are covered in the last half of the book, chapters 21-35.

From Hebrews 9:1–5 and the background in Exodus, what is your impression of the old covenant “regulations for worship” (9:1)? (For instance, what sense do you get of God? How complicated does the system seem? How does it seem different from the approach to worship you are used to?)

Read Leviticus 16:1–17. What do you learn about access to the Most Holy Place?

The way into the Most Holy Place was closed as long as the tabernacle or temple stood and the old covenant was in force (see 9:8). How did Jesus open the way into the Most Holy Place in heaven (see 10:19–20)?

Explain how God’s commands concerning regulations for worship in verse 1 are fatherly and loving. How does God’s kingly reign affect your life, especially as you go about day-to-day business? What are some ways we can joyfully demonstrate God’s loving reign in our lives?

Why was it necessary for Jesus to be born as a man and die for our sins? What does this necessity teach you about the costliness of your salvation? What does it teach about God’s love for you?