

SESSION 16

HEBREWS 9.1-10

Context: After the revelation of the promises of the New Covenant, the final verse in chapter 8 speaks of the gathering obsolescence and ultimate vanishing away of the Old Covenant.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session:

To appreciate the rich symbolism of the Old Covenant order of worship, but to understand its failure to provide the spiritual reformation that affords man's free access to approach God and enjoy His Presence.

V 1 The Author now turns his attention to the Old Testament tabernacle, considering first its structure.

Tabernacle L. tabernaculum = tent A temporary dwelling place, a shelter for a time.

V 2-5 Structural aspects of the tabernacle

1. The Holy Place

Lampstand

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Bread of the Presence Lev 24.5-9

What lesson is there for us in the function of the Bread of the Presence?

2. The Holy of Holies

The golden altar of incense

The Ark of the covenant

Golden urn of manna

Aaron's rod that budded Num 17

The stone tablets of the Law

The Mercy Seat

What is the one great purpose of this arrangement and the ceremonial charge given to the priesthood?

V 6-7 What distinguishes the high priest?

V 8 What does the Author deduce from this arranged order of worship?

V 9-10 What is the target that the Author illuminates as the chief goal of the gifts and sacrifices made within the order of worship?

What do you think the “perfection of conscience” is?

What is the great disappointment of the entire Old Covenant worship order?

What do you think these rituals and ceremonies accomplished as mentioned in V 10?

Do you see anything in our culture today that has been derived to provide man’s access to God but then fails as the Old Covenant ritual did?

Do you see anything in your own heart that the Holy Spirit is illuminating as a false way to gain access to God?

Do you think redemption was possible before Calvary?