

Worship in the Earthly Tabernacle - Hebrews 9:1-10

Topics: Atonement, Comparisons, Forgiveness, Holy Spirit, Inadequacy, Jesus Christ, Limitations, Mediator, Messiah, New Covenant, Sacrifice

Open It

1. What is the most beautiful church, cathedral, or religious shrine you have visited?
- * 2. If you could show three objects or artifacts that best tell the story of your own spiritual journey, what items would you show? Why?
3. What religious customs do you observe that you really don't understand the meaning or purpose of?

Explore It

4. What aspect of the old and new covenants is compared in this passage? (9:1)
5. What was in the first room of the earthly tabernacle? (9:2)
6. What was the first room called? (9:2)
7. What was behind the second curtain in the tabernacle? (9:3)
8. What two objects were in the room behind the second curtain? (9:4)
9. What was inside in the ark of the covenant? (9:4)
10. What was above the ark? (9:5)
11. During the year, who typically ministered at the tabernacle, and in which part did this ministry take place? (9:6)
- * 12. What three severe restrictions were placed upon entrance to the inner room of the temple? (9:7)
13. For whom was blood offered on the Day of Atonement? (9:7)
- * 14. What truth was the Holy Spirit teaching through the once-a-year offering for sin under the old covenant? (9:8)
- * 15. What symbolic truth did the Mosaic tabernacle teach about sin? (9:9-10)

Get It

16. From Hebrews 9:1-5 and the background information in Exodus, what is your impression of the old covenant's "regulations for worship"?
- * 17. What does the earthly tabernacle and sacrificial system tell us about Christ's once-for-all sacrifice for sin?
18. What do you think went through the high priest's mind on the Day of Atonement as he prepared to enter the Holy of Holies?
19. What is significant about the contents of the ark of the covenant?
20. How can we alter our lives to reflect the fact that God dwells only in holy places?
21. What arbitrary religious rules or traditions make it difficult for you to serve God?
- * 22. How does Christ's sacrifice enable us to have a clear conscience?
23. How can we be sure to approach God as the holy God He is?

Apply It

- * 24. What are some practical steps you can take when you feel touched by a guilty conscience?
25. What do you want to remember the next time you approach God in worship?