

THE FIRST COVENANT

Hebrews 9:1-6

INTRODUCTION:

A. We have studied the New Covenant

- 1) God has made two
- 2) The old has vanished away

B. In order to contrast the two, Paul gives the basic outline of the first covenant.

- 1) He describes the tabernacle
- 2) He describes and gives meaning to the services of the tabernacle.

C. Why doesn't Paul use the temple?

- 1) The temple was David's idea
- 2) He felt that God deserved more than a portable tent for His dwelling.
- 3) There were changes made in the configuration of the holy of holies. It was a cube and not a rectangle.
- 4) There were (10) lampstands and there were (10) tables for shewbread.

I. The Tabernacle, God's Plan

A. *"Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary." vs 1*

- 1) *"ordinances"* = δικαιομα = "the product or result of justifying", "legal statutes, ordinances"
- 2) *"divine service"* = λατρευια = "obedience and adoration rendered to God", "to render service to God", "worship"
- 3) *"worldly"* = κοσνικος = "what belongs to this present order of things"
- 4) *"sanctuary"* = αγιον = "that which is sacred"
- 5) *Exodus 25:8-9*

B. The holy place vs 2

- 1) There was a tabernacle
- 2) There were two "rooms"
- 3) The first two-thirds
- 4) The furnishings. They are not said to be typical, yet they did illustrate what pleases God.
- 5) The offerings are typical, as was the tabernacle itself

C. The holy of holies vs 3-5

- 1) The veil vs 3
- 2) The veil was rent in the temple *Matthew 27:50-51*

D. The golden censer vs 4a

- 1) These were firepans to offer incense
- 2) *Leviticus 16:12-13*

E. The ark of the covenant vs 4b

- 1) The golden pot, filled with manna
- 2) Aaron's rod that budded
- 3) The tables of the covenant (Ten Commandments)

F. The cherubims of glory vs 5

- 1) They "shadowed the mercy seat"
- 2) *Exodus 25:17-22*
- 3) "particularly" = *καταμερος* = "in detail"

G. The holy place was the place of day-to-day service vs 6

- 1) This is not typical of Christ's work
- 2) The offerings typified Christ but not in His work as a High Priest.