

THE OLD COVENANT AND THE SERVICE OF GOD
Hebrews 9:6-12

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The old covenant had a tabernacle vs 2
 - 1) "For there was a tabernacle made;"
 - 2) There were furnishings

- B. The priests accomplished service in the tabernacle vs 6
 - 1) "accomplishing" = επιτελεω = "to finish"
 - 2) "service" = λατρευω = "divine service"

- I. The Second Room And The High Priest
 - A. "But into the second went the high priest alone once every year,..." vs 7
 - 1) "but into the second division"
 - 2) "Only the high priest could go and that only once a year"

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 - B. "...Not without blood, which he offered for himself,..."
 - 1) "And never without blood" WMS
 - 2) "To be offered for his own sins" PHI
 - 3) He was a sinner. His sins must be atoned

 - C. "...and for the errors of the people:"
 - 1) "errors" = εγνωμημα = "ignorance", "involuntary sin",
The sin of ignorance.
 - 2) "And for the sins committed through ignorance by the
people" GSPD

 - D. The High Priest, according to Jewish tradition, went into
the Holy of Holies four times in this day.
 - 1) First, to burn incense *Leviticus 16:12*
 - 2) Second, to sprinkle the blood of the bullock on the
mercy seat *Leviticus 16:14*

- 3) Third, to take the blood of a goat, the sin offering for the sins of the people *Leviticus 16:15*
- 4) Fourth, to retrieve the golden censor
- 5) This was the day of atonement

II. The Symbolism Of These Things

A. *"The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:" vs 8*

- 1) *"signifying"* = δηλωω = "to show", "to reveal"
- 2) *"manifest"* = φανερωω = "to make apparent", "to show openly", "to make known"
- 3) "The lesson which the Holy Spirit uses this to teach us is this... that the way into the holiest presence was not disclosed" MOF "that is, so long as the first tent and all it stands for still exists" PHI
- 4) As long as the first covenant was in force the plain way to God for all people was still in the shadows.

B. *"which was a figure for the time present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices,..." vs 9*

- 1) *"figure"* = παραβολη = "to cast along side", "demonstrate"
- 2) "All this is symbolic pointing to this present time, and in keeping with it both gifts and sacrifices are offered"

C. *"...that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;"*

- 1) *"perfect"* = τελειωω = "to complete", "to bring to a full end", "wanting in nothing"
- 2) "Make the worshiper feel perfect in his conscience" BECK

- III. The Reasons These Services Could Not Quite The Worshipers
Conscience vs 10
- A. *"Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings,
and carnal ordinances..."*
- 1) "For (the ceremonies) deal only with clean and unclean
meats..." AMP
 - 2) "Outward regulations of the flesh..."
- B. *"...imposed on them until the time of the reformation."*
- 1) "imposed" = ἐπικειμαι = "to be laid upon"
 - 2) "reformation" = διορθωσις = "a making straight",
"restoring that which is out of line"
 - 3) "In force only until the time for the new order" GSPD
- IV. The Type Fulfilled In Christ
- A. *"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to
come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made
with hands, that is to say, not of this building;" vs 11*
- 1) "Christ came as High Priest of this better system we now
have" TAY
 - 2) "The tent of His priesthood is a greater and more perfect
one" NEB "Not made with human hands" TENT
"That is to say, not of this world" BAS
 - 3) Christ is the true High Priest of a better system, He
ministers in the heavenly sanctuary that God made and
not a man.
- B. *"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own
blood he entered in once into the holy place..." vs 12*
- 1) "Not taking any blood of goats and open..."
 - 2) "but with His own blood..." He entered
 - 3) "once for all into the Holy place."

C. "...having obtained eternal redemption for us."

- 1) "obtained" = ευρισκω = "to find", "to light upon"
- 2) "eternal" = αιωνιος = "age upon age"
- 3) "redemption" = λυτρωσις = "releasing by the payment of
of a price"