

2. The Service

Hebrews 9:6–7, NLT - ⁶ When these things were all in place, the priests regularly entered the first room as they performed their religious duties. ⁷ But only the high priest ever entered the Most Holy Place, and only once a year. And he always offered blood for his own sins and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance [rf., the sins we committed without even knowing it; see Psalm 51].

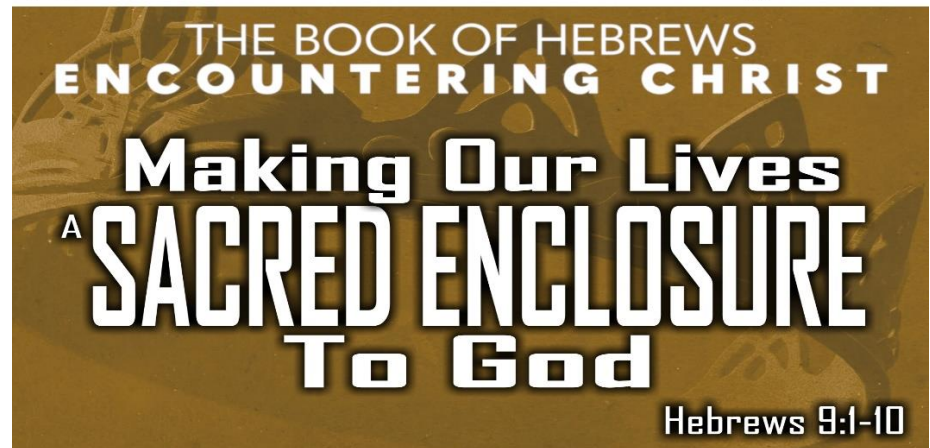
3. The Significance

Hebrews 9:8–10, NLT - ⁸ By these regulations the Holy Spirit revealed that the entrance to the Most Holy Place was not freely open as long as the Tabernacle and the system it represented were still in use. ⁹ This is an illustration pointing to the present time. For the gifts and sacrifices that the priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them. ¹⁰ For that old system deals only with food and drink and various cleansing ceremonies—physical regulations that were in effect only until a better system could be established.

C. Application

1. The highest, deepest, richest place is to be sitting with the Lord.
2. The biggest lie Satan throws at us is we are not worthy to be in His presence.
3. The author of Hebrews, argues that external activities—no matter how perfectly performed—can't cleanse our guilt.
4. No animal sacrifice could cleanse you of what you have done wrong—only the blood of Jesus could do that.
 - This passage reveals the terrible nature and high cost for sin.
 - This passage reveals the need for the shedding of blood to provide the remission of our sins.
 - This passage prepares people for the coming of the ultimate sacrifice and complete redemption found only in the blood of Jesus.
5. Our lives must become a sacred enclosure for God.

...until a better system could be established. – Heb. 9:10c



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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

A. Main Idea

But of these things we cannot now speak in detail. – Heb. 9:5c

1. This passage is filled with old, strange, and foreign descriptions.
2. Though foreign to us, this passage is utterly relevant.
3. We are going to learn how we can draw near to God.
4. We find HIS PEACE when we are in HIS PRESENCE.
5. We will be challenged to make our lives a sacred enclosure to God.

B. Today's Passage

1. The Sanctuary

Hebrews 9:1–5, NLT - ¹ That first covenant between God and Israel had regulations for worship and a place of worship here on earth. ² There were two rooms in that Tabernacle. In the first room were a lampstand, a table, and sacred loaves of bread on the table. This room was called the Holy Place. ³ Then there was a curtain, and behind the curtain was the second room called the Most Holy Place. ⁴ In that room were a gold incense altar and a wooden chest called the Ark of the Covenant, which was covered with gold on all sides. Inside the Ark were a gold jar containing manna, Aaron's staff that sprouted leaves, and the stone tablets of the covenant. ⁵ Above the Ark were the cherubim of divine glory, whose wings stretched out over the Ark's cover, the place of atonement. But we cannot explain these things in detail now.

