

Hebrews 9

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The Earthly Tabernacle

([Exodus 25:1-9](#); [Exodus 40:1-33](#))

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

You can study about the Tabernacle in Exodus 25 through 27. When Moses was given the Law and after the flawed sinful attempt by Aaron to make a golden café, Moses set up a tent outside of the camp of Israel and met with God.

This continued until God told Moses how to build a Tabernacle in which the sacrifices could begin, and the worship of God would take place.

That Tabernacle was portable and moved with Israel for 40 years in the desert. It was finally replaced after Israel entered the promised land and Solomon; son of King David became King.

King David in 1 Chronicles 17 wanted to build God a Temple to house the Ark of the Covenant. You will see that the Prophet Nathan was told by God to tell David that due to the blood on his

hands from war he would not build the Temple, but his son King Solomon would build it.

2For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

This describes the 3 elements in the Holy Place, in King James it is called the “sanctuary”. The “table” in this verse is the “Golden Alter of Incense”. There is some controversy in the next few verses, but I can’t understand why a controversy.



3And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

The first veil is the entry from the outer court into the sanctuary (Holy Place in vs 3 called the tabernacle). The second veil was

the entry point into the Holy of Holies the most Holy area inside the Temple.

This was laid out step by step from God to Moses who then instructed Aaron and the Priests on what and how it was to be done. A half portion of the incense was to be burnt on a daily basis in the Tabernacle (Holy Place). Once each morning and once each evening. The full measure of incenses was only burnt on Yom Kippur once annually.

Exodus 30: [1](#)And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it. [2](#)A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of the same. [3](#)And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about. [4](#)And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal. [5](#)And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. [6](#)And thou shalt put it before the vail that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee. [7](#)And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it. [8](#)And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations. [9](#)Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon. [10](#)And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of

atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD.(emphasis mine)

The Golden Alter of Incense was outside the veil separating the Holy of Holies and the Holy Place (tabernacle). The Golden Alter of Incense had hot coals in it and during the morning and evening officiating the Priest would pour a half measure of incense on the coals. During Yom Kippur according to the Bible he would scoop up some coals into the Golden Scepter fill his hand with incense and once inside the Holy of Holies would pour the incense on the hot coals that were in the censer. The hot coals ignite the incense, and a cloud would fill the Holy of Holies. I believe that the “Golden Censer” and the “Golden Alter of Incense” are two different things. The Golden Censer will be brought up in the next verse.

Leviticus 16 gives the process ordered by God as to how the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) is to be carried out.



Repeating vs 3 for context

3And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

4Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; 5And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

This describes the things of the history of Israel when they were brought out of Egypt by God. The only things that did not exist at the coming out of Egypt was the Ark of the Covenant, that was

described by God about how to build it to Moses. Tables of the Covenant (the 10 Commandments) were not present when Israel left Egypt but were given to Moses around 3rd month after leaving Egypt. *Exodus 19.*

The rod of Aaron was present when they left Egypt and the Manna was given the Israelites in the second month after leaving Egypt. *Exodus 16.*

6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

The Priests that were not the High Priest carried out the daily duties in the Temple in the Holy Place or Sanctuary. Only the High Priest was allowed into the Holy of Holies once a year. These services to God included the various offerings, scarifies and gifts that the Law required. The incense we have spoken of was burnt twice daily by the Temple Priests, morning and evening. The Showbread (12) loaves were replaced weekly. The Menorah candle was burned perpetually. There are comments that only one of the 7 candles stayed lite 24/7 and that was the candle furthest to the “west”. When Solomon built the temple, it is reported that he brought 10 more Menorahs, placing five on each side of the original. It is unknown by what authority Solomon

would have done this; I have yet to find any reference to the additional menorahs or that he actually did that?

7But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for the errors of the people*:

Due to the sin of man including the High Priest and the nation of Israel coming into God's presence could only be allowed by innocent blood. The High Priest as we have seen had to present his own blood sacrifice before he could enter the Holy of Holies.

It was this pattern that God instituted that would show the need for a sacrifice so scarce, so righteous, so innocent that only one person in all of creation and in all of time could accomplish.

8The 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:

The Bible is an historical map from God to man. In the Old Covenant that map had several roadblocks between man and God. On the physical side one roadblock was the physical structure of the Tabernacle. There were two curtains and certain qualifications had to be met to penetrate the first curtain. You had to be a Priest from the line of Levi, no exceptions. There were certain sacrificial requirements that had to be met to ensure cleanliness of the Priest to function in the Sanctuary (Holy Place).

The next physical roadblock was the curtain that separated the Holy Place (sanctuary) from the Holy of Holies a place that was reverence by the presence in some form of God as He chose. The only way to penetrate that obstacle included all the other requirement for all Priests but had additional requirements laid out in the law. A prescribed process had to be followed to the T or the High Priest or any unworthy person would die upon attempting to approach God. As an example of the two sons of Aaron who brought strange fire before the Lord God.

Leviticus 10: [1](#)And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. [2](#)And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

All of this was a Type and Shadow of what the real access meant and what it required to be in the presence of God. Simply sacrificing animals was not sufficient by any human hand. The real approach of God required such a special sacrifice, that it would only occur once in all creation in all of eternity.

As long as this physical structure stood both in the sense of the Sanctuary and the Holy of Holies no one could actually come into God's presence without His personal invitation, and up until now that was only Moses and the Aaronic Priesthood.

The real access to God could only come by the Blood of His Son and Belief in Him. As long as the Tabernacle or Temple stood all the evidence said that the Law was still in effect for Israel. Jesus fulfilled the Law but was rejected by Israel, so they remained under the Law.

As Believers we now live under Grace and have access to God via our intercessor Jesus Christ our Savior.

But what could the Hebrew nation do about personal sin and corporate sin after the Temple was destroyed. No way to offer sacrifices, no covering of sin, even temporarily. They could do nothing because they had relied on a worldly structure and legal process to cover their sins temporarily. They resorted to manmade ideas of Synagogues. I find nothing in the Bible that authorizes what is today the Jewish Synagogue even though we know Jesus went to the Synagogues “as was the custom”.

Luke 4: [16](#)And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

It appears the Synagogue started as an alternative to worshipping at the Temple. I find nowhere that God directed the Jews to do that but it is certainly what is the custom then and today.

Jesus is the way to the Father the only way.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

We as Believers have access to God the Father through the Son. Any Jew who would give their life to Christ can also access God, the very thing they have been unable to do for centuries. But God has not lifted the veil from their eyes yet because of unbelief.

John 12: [37](#)But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: [38](#)That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? [39](#)Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, [40](#)He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. [41](#)These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.(emphasis mine)

Time after time God begged Israel to come back to Him but they refused. So, they sit in blindness, rejecting what we as Believers have to say about the Messiah, rejecting what God is saying to them through so many ways. They will have to enter the Tribulation and see what the Anti-Christ does to them before their eyes will be opened.

John 12: [44](#)Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. [45](#)And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. [46](#)I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. [47](#)And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the

*world, but to save the world. **48**He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. **49**For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. **50**And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.*

For continuity I'll re-read vs 8 then onto vs 9.

***8**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:*

***9**Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; **10**Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed *on them* until the time of reformation.*

Time of “reformation” in the Greek means “making straight”. We have heard this phrase before.

*John 1:23*He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

The reformation spoken of by Isaiah was of course Jesus Christ.

The Tabernacle and Temple made by human hands even though magnificent were just a type and shadow of the coming door which man could go through to reach God. That door is Christ and Him alone.

John 10: [7](#)Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. [8](#)All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. [9](#)I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. [10](#)The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

If man can make it, it is flawed from the beginning. That is the same with all religions, they are all manmade and they are all flawed with one exception. It is the Christianity big “C”. It is not a religion but a “relationship”. Crafted by Christ Himself as the shepherd and delivered to mankind on Pentacost. There is only one way to God and that is the way that God made, it is through His Son, not made with the hands of man but a way made by the Hand of God. Go to church and worship the Living Christ but be on guard. Know your Bible.

Redemption through His Blood

[11](#)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;

The “RELATIONSHIP” called Christianity IE: Followers of Christ, is not a building but a Relationship between you an individual and Jesus your Savior.

[12](#)Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having

obtained eternal redemption *for us*. [13](#)For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

There is a symbiotic relationship between our bodies and our Spirit. The body of flesh can be purified to a point with the blood of innocent animals and the ashes of a dead heifer, sprinkling the flesh or uncleanness of mankind to a temporary point of purification. But that purification only lasts until the next sin is committed then it is once again tainted with the sin to death.

On the other hand, the Spirit is eternal and needs eternal purification from the sin of the garden that tainted it. If the Spirit is not born again into the fulness of life the body has no hope.

The Blood of Jesus was offered as a “free gift” to save the Spirit of each human being. Those who reject Christ the “free gift” then the soul and spirit of man will languish in the lake of fire for eternity. Having no hope of redemption, separated from God for ever.

[14](#)How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The Good News is that Salvation is available to the entire world, to those who will Believe on Jesus Christ. From the moment on

the Cross when Jesus took each of our sins, releasing His earthly Life in exchange for our lives; the Power of the Holy Spirit unleashed an opportunity of Eternal Salvation. That offer has two expiration dates attached to it. The first is death of a person, at that instant if the choice has not been made prior to that instant of death it is too late. None of us know our final moment on this earth, by not asking Christ into your life now you risk all of eternity. The 2nd expiration date is Rapture. Like death at the instant of Rapture if you had not already made a decision for Christ it is too late. In neither case do we know the day or the hour of our own deaths or rapture.

Now is the time to ask Christ into our lives and change from dead works to living works for the Living God and Creator.

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15And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

“For this cause”, for what cause? We go back to the previous verse:

14How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God,

purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

This term “they which are called” is controversial in this sense. In this context God is talking about Jewish Believers. By extension it is available to all believers, but this letter is to Hebrew Believers, pointing out that they had lived under the law, the Older Covenant. Now under this New Covenant created and paid for by Jesus Christ “they that are called” can be saved.

There are many Believers who believe that God has pre-chosen those whom He will save. There is a case to be made for that, however there are several verses that seem to say otherwise.

Matthew 22:3 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Romans 8:28 And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:30 And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.

From Strong’s Concordance we find this definition of Predestined.

“Transliteration: proorizó

Phonetic Spelling: (pro-or-id'-zo)

Definition: to predetermine, foreordain

Usage: I foreordain, predetermine, mark out beforehand.”

My understanding is that before the foundation of the earth, God knew who was going to accept His free gift of Salvation and who was going to reject it. God knew that due to His omnipresence. As we have discussed God is not bound by a linear timeline like we are. He can move through the future and history at ease. What God reveals to His prophets is not Prophecy to God, it is what He has seen.

Isaiah 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and was and is to come--the Almighty.

God established boundaries as to what is required to have eternal life with Him from the foundation of the world; it was not an afterthought. Once He established those boundaries and saw first-hand due to His omnipresence who said yes and who said no, He could write their names in the Lambs Book of Life before they were born at the very foundation of this world.

Revelation 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

God knows the people by name throughout all history who will worship Satan.

We know that God's perfect will is that all would be saved. But God's permissive will allows all men to choose. That is God's gift of free will to mankind.

1 Timothy 2: 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have **all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. (emphasis mine)**

Ezekiel 18:32 For I take no pleasure in **anyone's death, declares the Lord GOD. So repent and live! (emphasis mine)**

John 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to **save the world through Him. (emphasis mine)**

1 Timothy 4:10 To this end we labor and strive, because we have set our hope on the living God, who is the **Savior of everyone, and especially of **those who believe**. (emphasis mine)**

Isaiah 49:6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my **salvation unto the end of the earth. (emphasis mine)**

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach **all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (emphasis mine)**

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into **all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (emphasis mine)**

Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among **all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem. (emphasis mine)

So, if God already determined who would say yes then why waste time, only those God chose will be saved. As you can see that is not how God set this up. He gives the Free Gift of Salvation to ALL. It is our responsibility as Believers to share that Good News with ALL. We do not know who will and who will not say YES. God knows but we don't' and he has given us the Ministry to tell ALL people about the Good News. To share the Good News is to walk in obedience to God. That ministry is what we will be judged on. Our Salvation is set and established and anyone who turns their life over to Christ WILL BE SAVED.

John 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of **all which he hath given me** I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. (emphasis mine)

God's perfect will is that He would save all of mankind. His permissive will allows mankind to choose from free will. Choose Wisely. If your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, it is there because you said yes to Jesus and Believe. If it isn't there it is because you said no, not because God rejected you.

16For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

The Good News the New Covenant they are Jesus last Will and Testament. It is what He chose to do with all the power He had been given. The Power was in His Blood and He chose to spill His own Blood for our sakes. He chose death that we might have life. The last Will and Testament in our vernacular only takes effect when the one who's Will it is dies. The Bible calls the individual the "testator", meaning the one with the testimony. That was Jesus the Christ, He is the Testator the One with the Testimony.

17For a testament *is* of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

While Jesus walked on earth there was no salvation available to mankind. Salvation only became available after Jesus Crucifixion, death and resurrection. At the instant of Jesus raising from the dead as vs17 puts it "**For a testament *is* of force after men are dead**" the free gift of Salvation was cast to the world. It is why Jesus told the thief on the cross next to Him this.

Luke 23: 39And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. 40But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. 42And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 43And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.
(emphasis mine)

As the “testator” Jesus had written His Will and Jesus knew in a very short period of time while hanging on the cross that His Will (New Covenant if you will) would take effect for all mankind. This man on the cross next to Jesus was one of the first to see the Power of the Blood and the Power of the New Covenant. He saw it because of his **Belief in Jesus**. Not because he was baptized, not because he wore a certain clothing, not because he went to synagogue every Sabbath, not because his name was on a church membership role, he went with Christ for one reason; **BELIEF**.

The following verses again draws a picture of a type and shadow of the lesser Covenant as it was overshadowed by the Greater Covenant paid for by the Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

18Whereupon neither the first *testament* was dedicated without blood. 19For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, 20Saying, This *is* the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. 21Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. 22And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Both Covenants required the spilling of innocent blood. The animals had no choice, they were simply selected by a process and unwillingly or unknowingly gave their lives for the sins of man.

The Covenant of Jesus Christ was given by Christ with full authority to give it. It was given freely as the Creator of all things. His Blood, the Blood of the Creator God in human form spilled willingly for the redemption of any who would accept it.

23It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

The blood of an animal specifically a red heifer was used to purify the temple and all of its furnishings. The blood of animals also covered the sins of the Jews temporarily. The temple was a type and shadow of heaven in that it was a sacred place where God resides. God did not reside in the temple forever that was built by man.

God does reside in Heaven forever and it being the real Holy Place required a sacrifice far greater than any animal to access. The removal of man's sin required that the God/man die in his place and take the penalty that God Himself had established before He created the world and mankind. The real true sacrifice took place on the cross on Calvary, not in a temple built by the

hands of man. This sacrifice of the God/man's blood would be sprinkled in the Heavenly tabernacle, the real one, for all of mankind for all of time for those that would believe.

24For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are the figures of the true*; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Jesus' goal was not to enter the manmade temple on earth to declare victory. No, His destination was Heaven to sit next to His Heavenly Father becoming the High Priest of all mankind in this Heavenly temple that the manmade temple had been patterned after. Jesus went from the Type and Shadow Temple on earth to the REAL temple of God in Heaven.

Hebrews 8: 2A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

This gift of the Creator God was so precious, so all-encompassing that it was only required to fulfill the Law ONE TIME. Not like the earlier Covenant that was repeated over and over again. The Sacrifice of Jesus fulfilled all the requirements of the Law of the Creator God. He sacrificed Himself that we should live forever with Him.

25Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26For then must he often have suffered since

the foundation of the world: **but now once** in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. **27**And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: **28**So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. (emphasis mine)

Our salvation is guaranteed by no other than the Creator God, who created all things Jesus the Messiah.

*John 1: **1**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2**The same was in the beginning with God. **3**All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4**In him was life; and the life was the light of men. **5**And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

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