

The Book of Hebrews

Chapter 9 verses 1 – 8 - Pastor Charles A. Hall – August 11th, 2022

Chapter 9 continues on the theme of a merciful Christ and High Priest that was highlighted in chapter 7. Jesus Christ as our High Priest has a superior ministry (a higher calling, greater power, and everlasting), and better covenant (the relationship between God as High Priest, Israel, and all of humanity), a better sanctuary (a consecrated place the holy of holies) and a better sacrifice (the death of Jesus and His blood).

1. Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.
 - In this verse the author continues to compare the old testament covenant with the new testament covenant, the old covenant ordinances, and services were given by God to Moses for a worldly sanctuary that symbolized the presence and glory of God.
 - **Exodus 25:8**
2. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.
 - The tabernacle / temple of the old covenant contained candlesticks, which were stands for the lamps, and a table which held the consecrated loaves of bread, this was the first room of the tabernacle which was called the Holy Place.
3. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all.
 - After the first room of the tabernacle there was a curtain, called a veil which divided the two rooms of the temple, the second room of the temple was called the Most Holy Place.
4. Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid roundabout with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant.
 - The inner and Most Holy room had a golden censer which is the (alter of incense) which was physically located in the outer chamber or first room, the Holy of Holies or the Most Holy room of the temple only contained the ark of the covenant. The ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant or laws from God to Moses for the Israelites.
 - **Exodus 30:6-8**
 - **Number 17:1-10**
5. And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.
 - There were two cherubim's carved out of the olive trees, ten cubit high, locate at the lid of the ark, the cherubim represented splendor, and were covered with gold, their faces looked toward each other, and downward toward the mercy-seat, their wings stretched out to cover the mercy seat, other details cannot be discussed at this time.
 - **Exodus 25:16-22**

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6. Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.
 - After the things (ark of covenant) in the room of the Most Holy had been ordained, or established, the earthly priest began the tasks associated with the office of the priest and the daily services of the tabernacle.
 - **Number 18:2-6**
7. But 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:
 - The author makes known clearly that God's instructions were for the High Priest to enter in the second chamber or room once a year by himself, with a blood offering, to be offer up for his own sins, and then a second offering for the sins of the people.
 - **Exodus 30:10**
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:
 - The Holy Spirit is indicating using as an example of the way earthly priest enter into the Holy of Holies, that man did not possess direct, and complete access to God, and would not as long as the Mosaic Law still stood. The direct access to God had not yet been manifested.