Two Covenants
Hebrews 9:1-15

1. The Old Covenant (9:1-10)
2. The New Covenant (9:11-15)

The Gospel in Hebrews

1. God is . . .
2. Man is a sinner and under condemnation
3. Two options:
   - plead your own case
   - Jesus Christ will plead your case
The High Priesthood of Jesus Christ

- A heavenly office
- The Mosaic copy
- The end point: perfection for men
- The Covenant between God and man
  - Divine origin
  - High Priest
  - Offering
  - Outcome
- A better Covenant
  - High Priest
  - Offering
  - Outcome
The History of the Covenant

• First hint – Genesis 3:15
  – The Seed of the woman
  – The defeat of the serpent

• First expansion – Gen. 9:8-17
  – Man and animals
  – No final destruction

• The fundamental Covenant – Gen. 12:1-3; 7
  – Blessing – salvation
  – A great nation
  – Blessing for the nations
  – The Seed of Abraham

• The Old Covenant
  – Israel at Mount Sinai
  – The people obligated
  – A national identity
  – A mediator
  – A broken promise
The Old Covenant and the Abrahamic Covenant

• The requirement of absolute perfection
• The inability of man
• The solution illustrated
  – Substitutionary sacrifice
  – High priestly ministry
• No eternal salvation
• Works v. Grace
The New Covenant

- Personal salvation
  - His laws in minds and hearts
  - Personal relationship
  - Full knowledge of God
  - Forgiveness of sins

- The newness of the New Covenant
  - Not salvation
  - Application to Israel

- The effective date of the New Covenant
  - the Incarnation
  - Old Testament saints
  - Pentecost
Two Covenants Compared: The Old Covenant
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• Regulations for worship
• The place of worship
• Two rooms
  – The Holy Place
    Lampstand
    Table of bread
  – The Most Holy Place
    The golden altar of incense
    The Ark of the Covenant
• Service in the Holy Place
  – Priests only
  – Daily
  – Worship
• Service in the Most Holy Place
  – High Priest only
  – Yearly
  – Incense and blood
• The lessons from the Old Covenant:
  – No access into the Most Holy Place
  – No perfection for the conscience
  – Temporal purification
  – Temporary
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- The High Priest of the good things to come
- The High Priest in heaven
- The High Priest’s service – once and for all
- The High Priest’s offering
- Purification for sins
- Eternal redemption
- Eternal inheritance