

Jesus Our Great High Priest
An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews

Two Covenants
Lesson 11
Hebrews 9:1-15

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So Great a Salvation

- ▶ 4 Gospels; Isaiah 53; Romans; Galatians
- ▶ Hebrews – Christ’s work of salvation explained
 - Deity and humanity (1)
 - Sinless and faithful (4:15)
 - Lived by faith (2:10; 5:8)
- ▶ The role of the High Priest in the work of salvation
 - Order of Melchizedek and a better Covenant
- ▶ Three historical covenants
 - Covenant with Abraham through Christ
 - Old Covenant with Israel through Moses
 - New Covenant with all of God’s people through Christ

So Great a Salvation

▶ The Promise and Oath of God

- Abraham – covenant of salvation (Gen 22:15-18; Heb 6:13-18)
- Christ – High Priest of the order of Melchizedek (Ps 110:4; Heb 4:3)
- David – eternal monarchy (Ps 89:3–4; 19-37; 46-49)
- Noah – no flood (Isa 54:9-10)
- Eternal wrath (Ps 95:11; Heb 4:5-6)

▶ The certainty of the outcome

- The Heir of all things (1:2)
- An inheritance (1:14; 6:12; 9:15; 11:7-8; 12:17)
- Bringing many sons to glory; author of salvation (2:10)
- Entering the rest of God (3:18-19; 4:9-11)
- The source of eternal salvation (5:9)

Two Covenants

▶ Covenant #1 – Old

- Weak, useless and faulty (7:18; 8:7)
- No promise of salvation (Deut 11:8-17)
- Schoolmaster (Gal 3:24)
- Reveal sin (Rom 3:20)
- Reveal the manner of dealing with sin (Levitical priesthood)
- Temporary – “until Christ” (Gal 3:24)

▶ Covenant #2 – New

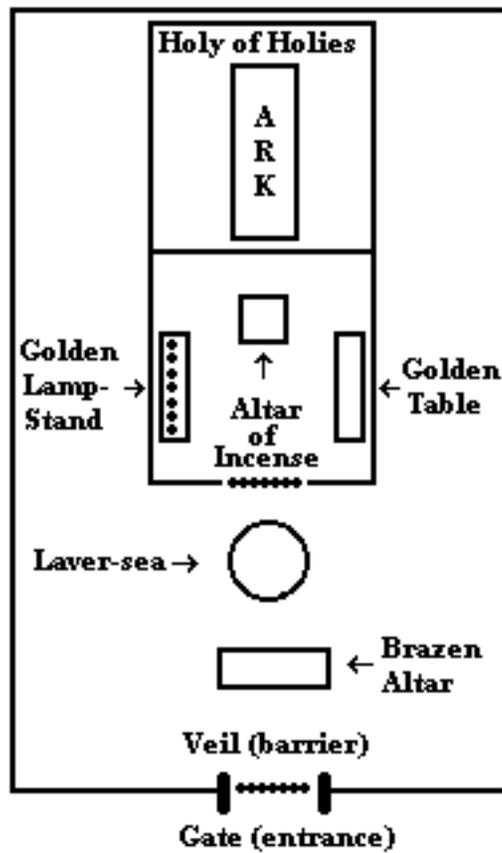
- Actually brings salvation (8:8-12)
- A new heart (Deut 30:6; Ezek 36:24-28)
- Forgiveness of sins
- Makes and preserves the relationship between God and man

Two Covenants (9:1-10:18)

- ▶ High Priest and the Old Covenant (9:1-10)
- ▶ High Priest and the New Covenant (9:11-15)

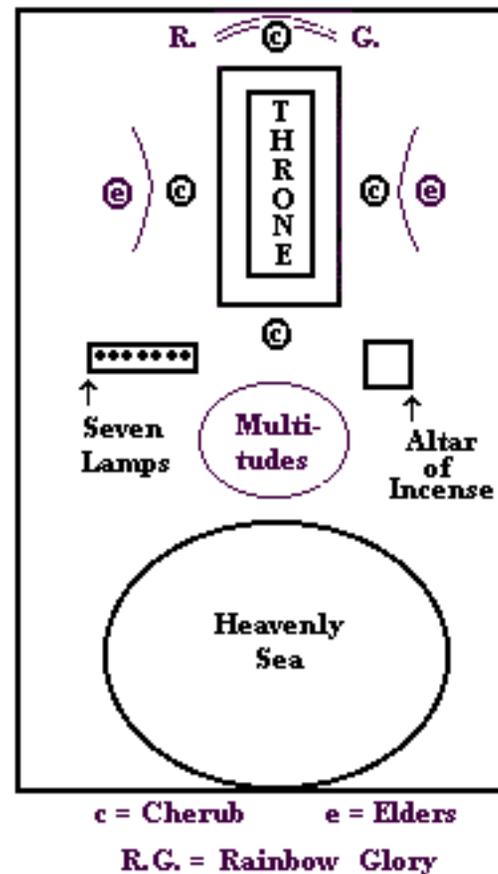
The Old Covenant Ministry (9:1-10)

- ▶ Regulations of Divine worship and the earthly sanctuary
- ▶ Worship – bow down; divine service
- ▶ Psalm 29:2 – worship in the beauty of holiness
- ▶ Romans 12:1-2 – present your bodies – divine service
- ▶ The tabernacle
 - Early tabernacle a model of the heavenly tabernacle
 - Holy Place
 - Holy of Holies



Earthly Tabernacle

(not to scale)



Heavenly Temple

The Atoning Sacrifice

- ▶ Daily service in the Holy Place
- ▶ The Day of Atonement – Leviticus 19
- ▶ Incense on a censer
- ▶ Sin offering – Bull and goat
- ▶ Scapegoat – goat of removal sent into the wilderness
- ▶ Burnt offering – 2 rams

A Lesson from the Holy Spirit (9:8-10)

- ▶ No permanent access to God
- ▶ No purification of the conscience (guilt)
- ▶ A temporary reprieve before God
- ▶ Until a time of reformation – the Great High Priest

The New Covenant Ministry (9:11-15)

- ▶ High Priest of “good things to come”
- ▶ He entered the Tabernacle in heaven
- ▶ Presentation of the blood of the atoning sacrifice
- ▶ Blood of bulls and goats – sin offering (Lev. 16)
- ▶ Ashes of the red heifer (Numbers 19)
- ▶ A finished work – “once for all”
- ▶ He made purification for sins (Hebrews 1:3)

The Meaning of the Presentation

- ▶ For this reason . . . such a high priest for such a covenant
- ▶ His death solved the “fault” of the Old Covenant
- ▶ His death guarantees an eternal inheritance for the called
- ▶ The King of righteousness and peace
- ▶ The Covenant of Everlasting Peace (Isaiah 54:9-10; Ezekiel 34:23-25; 37:24-28; Romans 5:1)