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Jesus and His Better Sanctuary • Part 2

Lesson Twenty-Nine • Hebrews 9:11-14

BETTER MEDIATOR Like Melchizedek 7:1-28	BETTER MINISTRY in Heaven 8:1-6	BETTER COVENANT with Better Promises 8:7-13	BETTER SANCTUARY Not Made by Man 9:1-14	BETTER SACRIFICE Himself Once for All Time 9:15-28	BETTER PERFECTION by Christ's Sacrifice 10:1-18
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ENTERS the Holy of Holies to **SIT & SERVE** as a **SON** Made Perfect Forever to be a **PRIEST KING** with a Better Ministry **according to** a Better Covenant **in** a Better Sanctuary **by** a Better Sacrifice **for** a Better Perfection!

9:1-10 / EARTHLY TABERNACLE with TWO-TENT-SECTIONS	
First Tent-Section/Room	Second Tent-Section/Room
Many Priests	Only High Priest
Entered Night and Day	Only Once a Year
Busy Maintaining Worship	Always by Blood
BOTH LIMITED the WAY into GOD'S HOLY PRESENCE!	

The Earthly Sanctuary Limited the Way into God's Holy Presence Until the Coming of the New Order, When Jesus Our Perfect High Priest Entered the Heavenly Sanctuary to Open the Way for Us!

9:11-14 / EARTHLY TABERNACLE vs HEAVENLY TABERNACLE	
Priestly Worship on Earth	High Priestly Worship in Heaven
Old Order Under First Covenant	New Order Under Second Covenant
No Way Past First Room into Second	Opened Way into Second Room
Temporary Symbol	Eternal Reality
Entered Second Room Once a Year	Entered Second Room Once for All
Animal Blood Offered Up for High Priest Himself and the People	Christ's Own Blood Offered Up for Just the People
External Cleansing of Body: WRR!	Internal Cleansing of Conscience
Eternal REDEMPTION SECURED and WAY into God's Presence OPENED!	

The Book of Hebrews emphasizes "the radical difference that the new covenant makes in a believer's approach to God; so radical, that a believing Jew [and Gentiles!] will eventually abandon the old system with its earthly tabernacle, Levitical priesthood, animal sacrifices and restricted approach to God, and joyfully accept the new." – David Gooding

Don't Look to Earthly Places with Priestly Activity as a Means of Getting Closer to God's Holy Presence. Instead...

Hold Fast This Confession: Christ Has Entered the Better Heavenly Sanctuary for His People!

1. WHEN Did Christ Enter the Heavenly Sanctuary?

"But when Christ appeared as high priest of the good things to come...He entered..." (vv. 11a, 12b)

- First Christ appeared at the time of **PERFECTION**. (v. 10)
- Then Christ entered after His **ASCENSION** into heaven. (v. 12; 4:14; 1:3; 10:12; 7:15)

2. WHERE Did Christ Enter the Heavenly Sanctuary?

"[He entered] through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation...He entered the holy place" (vv. 11a, 12)

- Christ entered the **GREATER** and more **PERFECT** tabernacle in heaven. (v. 11a)

This tabernacle is greater and more perfect because it is the heavenly one to which the earthly one always pointed upward.

- Christ entered the **MOST HOLY** of places. (v. 12)

3. How **OFTEN** Did Christ Enter the Most Holy Place?

"He entered the holy place once for all," (v. 12)

4. By What **MEANS** Did Christ Enter the Most Holy Place?

"and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood...who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God," (vv. 12, 13)

Does this mean Christ carried His own blood into heaven and poured it out before the Father?

- His blood represents His atoning **DEATH** on the cross. (9:15-16, 22; 10:3; 13:22)
- He offers up **HIMSELF** in person to God through the eternal Spirit. (7:16; 13:22; Romans 1:4; 8:11; 1 Peter 3:18)

5. What Did Christ **ACCOMPLISH** by Entering the Most Holy Place?

"having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ...cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (vv. 12b-14)

- **SECURED** eternal redemption not for Himself but for sinners. (v. 12b, 15; 2:9, 14-15)

Who did the securing?

What did Christ secure?

1. Eternal **FREEDOM** from the bondage to sin, death, and the devil! (2:9, 14-15)
2. Eternal **CLEANSING** from sin's defiling guilt, shame, and fear. (vv. 13-14)

Christ entered the heavenly Holy of Holies so He could be the Source of **eternal salvation** (5:9) and sinners could avoid **eternal judgment** (6:2) and be given **eternal redemption** (9:12) through the **eternal Spirit** (9:14) and enjoy an **eternal inheritance** (9:15) all based on the blood of the **eternal covenant** (13:20)!

What are we cleansed from?

- **SANCTIFIED** us serve in the presence of the living God as believer-priests. (v. 14b, 12:28)

Jesus and His Better Heavenly Sanctuary Resolves the Sin Problem Regarding Entering God's Presence!

But Christ entered the heavenly Most Holy Place having solved the sin problem and fulfilled the promise of entering God's presence for everyone who holds fast this confession by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone!

The heavenly sanctuary is better because it is where Christ has entered as the perfected High Priest of the good things to come in order to perfect God's people so they can serve in God's presence as believer priests!