The Better Choice

Jesus Christ

Encouragement From The Book of Hebrews

Jesus Christ: The Better Choice

- A better messenger
- Better than Adam
- Better than the angels
- Better than Moses
- A better rest
- A better high priest
- A better priesthood
- A better covenant
- A better worship
- A better sacrifice
- A better way of living
- A better faith
- A better kingdom



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Hebrews 9:1-15

"Now even the first *covenant had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary.* [2] *For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place.* [3] *And behind the second veil, there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies,* [4] *having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant.* [5] *And above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail."*

Hebrews 9:1-15 (continued)

"[6] Now when these things have been thus prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle, performing the divine worship, [7] but into the second only the high priest *enters, once a year, not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.* [8] *The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed, while the outer tabernacle is still standing,* [9] *which is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience,* [10] *since they relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation*."

Hebrews 9:1-15 (continued)

"*11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; 12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 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, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*"

HEBREWS – Better Worship

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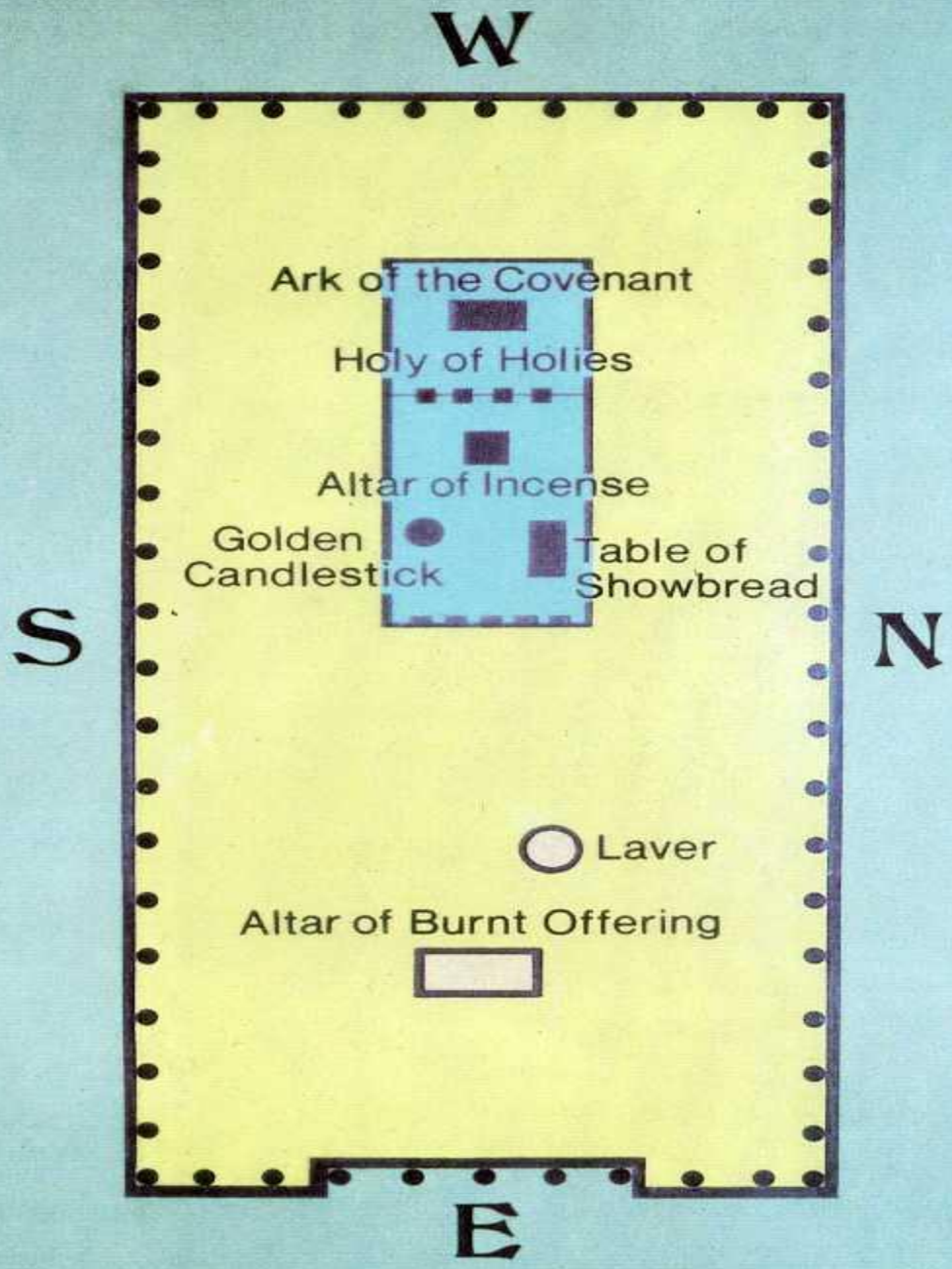
  Deut 12:1-4 "These are the statutes and the judgments which you shall carefully observe in the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess as long as you live on the earth. You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess serve their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. And you shall tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars and burn their Asherim with fire, and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods, and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods, and you shall obliterate their name from that place. You shall not act like this toward the Lord your God."



2 Plan of the tabernacle and its courts

HEBREWS – God revealed

- God is Transcendent
- God is Immanent
- God is Holy

HEBREWS – Better Worship

- God directed (9:1, 11, 14)
- **Relationship** more than Reward (9:1, 10)

HEBREWS – Covenant Relationship

- I will dwell with you (Exo. 25:8)
- I will be your God (Exo. 25:45)
- The ark of the covenant (9:4-5)
  - Manna
  - Aaron's rod
  - Tablets of the covenant
  - Mercy seat
  - Cherubim of glory

HEBREWS – Better Worship

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- Relationship more than Reward (9:1, 10)
- **Approval** not Appeasement (9:7)

HEBREWS – Holiness before Homage

- 9:2 The first tent is called Holy
- 9:3 The tent after the second veil called Holy of Holies
- 9:9 The ritual offerings of the tabernacle are not able to perfect the worshipper
- 9:13 The ritual offerings of the tabernacle provided a ceremonial external cleansing
- 9:14 Purified in conscience through the blood of Christ to serve the Living God

HEBREWS – Better Worship

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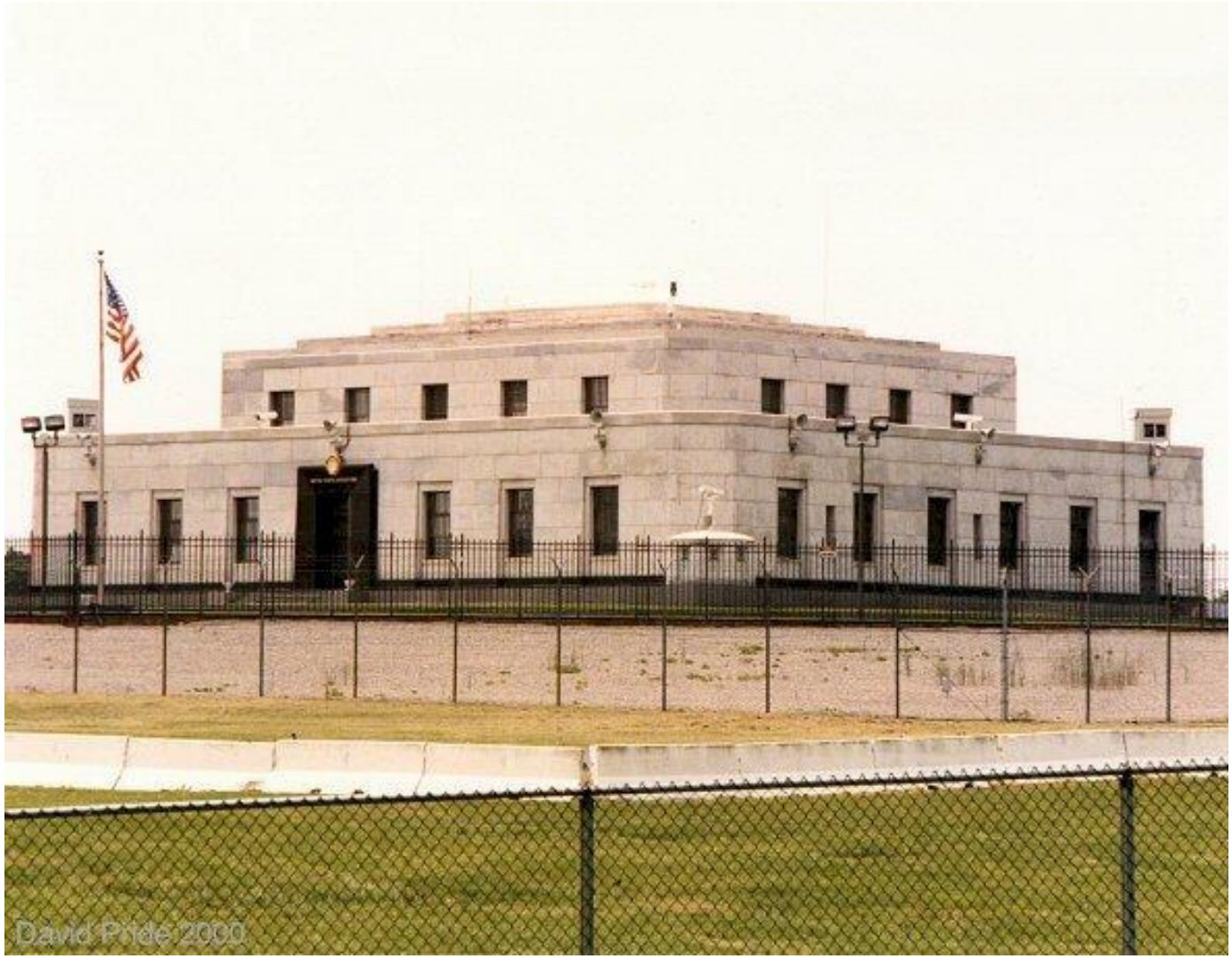
- Relationship more than Reward (9:1, 10)
- Approval not Appeasement (9:7)
- **Access** beyond mere Attendance (9:8, 12)

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HEBREWS – Access to God

- Two veils closed off access to the presence of God (9:3)
- Access to the Holy of Holies was only granted once a year (9:7)
- The way of the Holy of Holies was not manifested before Christ (9:8)
- Christ entered into the Holy place through the greater and more perfect tent (9:11-12)
- Purified in conscience to serve the Living God (9:14)

HEBREWS – Christ is Better

- Better Relationship with God!
- Better Approval before God!!
- Better Access to God!!!
- BETTER WORSHIP of Our Great and Holy God!!!!

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