

## Hebrews 9

### The Old Agreement between God and man requires a holy place of service on Earth

1 Now the first agreement (*covenant*) had regulations for service and the earthly holy *place*.

2 For in the first *section* of a tent that was prepared, called holy, were the lampstand, the table and the presentation of the loaves.

3 But after the second curtain was a *section of* a tent called a Holy of Holies.

4 It contained a golden altar of incense and the ark of the agreement [*covenant*] covered on all sides with gold. In it was a golden jar containing the manna, the rod of Aaron that budded and the tablets of the agreement [*covenant*].

5 Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the seat of absolution. We *cannot* speak in detail of these things at this time.

6 Once these things are prepared in such a way, all the priests enter the first *section of the* tent as they perform their duties.

7 But once a year, only the high priest enters the second *section*, and not without blood which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.

**1 Service** – (*Thayer*) 2999 to perform sacred services.

**5 Absolution** - (*Thayer*) 2435 relating to an appeasing or expiating.

**7 Unintentional sins** - (*Thayer*) 51 a sin committed through ignorance or thoughtlessness.

### The way to Heaven is hidden from men as long as the Old Agreement still stands

8 By that the Holy Spirit is signifying, that the way of the holy *places* was not to be revealed while the first *section of* a tent is still in place.

9 It is a parable concerning the present time.

When the gifts and sacrifices were offered they were not able to satisfy the conscience of the one serving.

10 They deal only with foods and drinks, various washings and regulations for the body. These are imposed until a time of restoration comes.

**8 To be revealed** – (*edm*) perfect passive infinitive.

**9 Parable** – (*Thayer*) 3850 *parabolē* a parable: an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.

**10 Restoration** - (*Thayer*) 1357 restoring to its natural and normal condition something which in some way protrudes or has got out of line.

### Christ reveals Heaven through the New Agreement between God and men

11 But Christ is a High Priest of the good *things* that have come. He came through the greater and perfect tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

12 He entered the holy places not through a blood of goats and calves, but through his own blood. By *doing so* he acquired *the* everlasting deliverance.

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow sprinkled on those who are unclean, purifies the flesh as clean,

14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself faultless to God, cleanse our conscience away from dead works in order to serve the living God?

15 And because of this, he is the mediator of a new agreement [*covenant*] through death that has taken place, which is for the release through ransom for the violations committed under *the* first agreement [*covenant*]. And those who are called may take the promise of the everlasting inheritance.

**11 Perfect** – (*edm*) 5046 comparative ‘more perfect’

**13 Young cow** – (*Thayer*) 1151 a young cow, heifer.

**14 Faultless** - (*Thayer*) 299 faultless, blameless.

**15 Release through ransom** – (*Thayer*) 629 a releasing effected by payment of ransom.

**The agreements (Old and New) are the Will and Testaments (Old and New) that require death**

16 Now, a purpose of a will, is to point to a death of him who made *the will*.

17 A will is in force over those who died. It has no power if the one who made the will is alive.

**16 To point** - (*Thayer*) 5342 to carry, to bring forward.

**17 In force** - (*Thayer*) 949 firm.

**17 Has ... power** - (*Thayer*) 2480 to have power.

**The Old Agreement required blood of many animals for a repeated cleansing from sins for the life on Earth**

18 Therefore the first agreement [*covenant*] was not dedicated without blood.

19 When every commandment of the Law had been spoken by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of the calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop and sprinkled both the scroll and all the people.

20 He was saying, "This is the blood of the agreement [*covenant*] that God commanded to you.

21 And in the same way he also sprinkled with the blood the tent and all the utensils for service.

22 According to the Law, almost everything is purified with blood. Apart from the shedding of blood there is no release *of sins*.

23 Therefore it was necessary for the pattern of the heavenly things to be cleansed with these. But the things that are in heaven, in themselves are better sacrifices than these.

**The New Agreement required blood of Christ as a one time cleansing from sins for the life in Heaven**

24 For Christ did not enter holy *places* made by hands, which are a pattern of true things, but into heaven itself, where he presently is before God on our behalf.

25 He did not need to offer himself repeatedly, similar to the high priest who enters the holy *places* every year with blood that is not his own.

26 For he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages for the removal of sin by the sacrifice of himself.

**Christ will take up his Church secretly at his 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming.**

27 And as it is reserved to men once to die, and then, Judgment.

28 So it is also with the Christ. He was offered once to bear the sins of many *and* for the second *time* he will be seen by those who *stay* away from sin *and* await him for salvation.

**28 Will be seen** – (*Thayer*) 3700 to allow one's self to be seen; (*edm*) future passive. **Note:** since Christ will be seen only by those who stay away from sin (apart from sin), this points to a secret catching up 'rapture' of the church. Since it says 'second time', this points to the rapture being a part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ.

**28 He will be seen by those who stay away from sin and await him for salvation** - (*edm*) apart/separate 5565 from sin 266 he will be seen 3700 to 1519 those 846 awaiting 553 deliverance 4991.