

Hebrews 9

Hebrews 9.1-5

Pass out copies of the tabernacle diagram, *Beacon Bible Commentary*, Vol. 10, p. 635

V1 – What were two of the parts of the Law of Moses? Laws on how to worship God and laws on how things were to be conducted in the tabernacle

V2 – What was located in the outer part of the tabernacle? Lamp stand and table of showbread

V3 – What separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy place (or Holy of Holies)? The veil

V4 – What was located in the Most Holy Place? Golden altar (see *Beacon Bible Commentary*, X, 101fn and the Ark of the Covenant)

According to *Exodus 40:26*, the golden altar was not in the Holy of Holies

-The *Beacon Bible Commentary* says that in spirit and meaning, it was in the Holy of Holies, but in reality, in the Holy Place

-Notice the footnote for *Heb. 9.4* – there is a translation difficulty, and the NASB says that an alternate translation is "censer," not "altar," meaning that there was a small censer for burning incense behind the veil, but the golden altar was located outside the veil

-**What was located in the Ark of the Covenant?** Golden jar with a piece of manna, Aaron's rod which budded, and the tablets of the Ten Commandments

V5 – What was on top of the Ark of Covenant? 2 cherubim was watching over the ark

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V6 – Why can we say that the worship in the tabernacle was not perfect? Because the priesthood had to constantly go into the tabernacle to make atonement for sins

V7 – Who went into the Most Holy Place? Only the high priest

-**How often?** Once a year (with a blood offering)

-**Why did he go into the Most Holy Place?** To offer sacrifice for himself and the people (the sins committed in ignorance)

V8 – What can be said about the Most Holy Place? That no one could go into it as long as the tabernacle was standing

-The outer tabernacle had to come down before people could talk to God directly

-The tabernacle had ceased to exist in the days of Solomon and was replaced by the temple, but it is used here figuratively to describe the entire Law of Moses

V9 – The tabernacle was a symbol for the Law of Moses in the First Century

-**What comment did the writer make about the Old Testament?** It does not make a person perfect

V10 – What was the Law of Moses mainly concerned with? Foods, drink, various washings,

regulations

-What was supposed to be coming? The time of the reformation (the people would abandon the Law of Moses)

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V 11 – What was the position of Christ? High Priest of the good things to come

-What kind of tabernacle did Christ enter? One not made with hands, not of this creation

V 12 – What else was different about Christ as the high priest? He did not use the blood of animals

-What blood did he use instead? His own blood

-How many times did Christ enter the Holy Place? Only once

-What did this grant us? Eternal redemption

V 13 – Did the blood of animals cleanse the flesh so that the people could worship God? Yes (under the Levitical law)

V 14 – What is better than the blood of animals? The blood of Christ

-Why is it better? Because he was without sin, and he can cleanse us from deadly works

V 15 – What has come into being? A new covenant

-Are those who died under the Old Law invited to partake of the new covenant? Yes

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V 16 – When does a man's will take effect? When he dies

-Why isn't it in effect when he is alive? Because he makes rules and changes day by day

V 17 – The basic principle: a covenant (will) becomes valid only when a person dies

V 18 – Was there the shedding of blood in the first covenant? Yes, the blood of animals

V 19 – What did Moses do? Read the words of the Old Law and sprinkled blood on the book

V 20 – Quote from *Exodus 24:8* - Moses mentioned blood always (not just by accident)

V 21 – What else did Moses sprinkle blood on? Tabernacle and vessels in the tabernacle

V 22 – What is the basic principle concerning blood? It cleanses things in God's eyes

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V 23 – What were the "copies"? The utensils in the tabernacle

-What were the copies of? Things in heaven

-If the copies were cleansed by the blood of animals, then what had to be used to cleanse the things in heaven? A better blood (blood of Jesus Christ)

V 24 – What was the holy place that Christ entered? Heaven itself

-What was his purpose for entering heaven? To make an appeal for us

V 25 – What did the high priest have to constantly do? Offer sacrifices

V 26 – What a magnificent verse!

-Did Jesus have to suffer often? No, only once, since there was only one Jesus Christ, not many, as there were of the animals

-How did the writer of *Hebrews* describe the death of Jesus on the cross? The consummation of the ages

-How did Jesus put away sin? By the sacrifice of himself

V 27 – What is the basic principle of all life? We must all die and face judgment

-What false doctrines are refuted by this verse? Reincarnation, the Roman Catholic Church doctrine of purgatory, the belief in near-death experiences

V 28 – What will the second coming be like? Christ will appear and rescue those whose sins have been forgiven by his blood – what a compliment!

-Significance of “eagerly”? How we are looking forward to the second coming of Jesus!

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