

Sermon Notes
Hebrews: The Superiority in Christ (Part 19)
Shadows and the Savior
Hebrews 9:1-14 (ESV)

⁹Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. ²For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. ³Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, ⁴having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. ⁵Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. ⁶These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, ⁷but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. ⁸By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing ⁹(which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, ¹⁰but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation. ¹¹But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

3 observations concerning this passage

1) S _____ of the Savior (vs. 1-10)

- A) Worship in the tabernacle was filled with S _____ (vs. 1-5)
- B) Worship in the tabernacle was full of L _____ (vs. 6-7)
- C) Worship in the tabernacle was found with L _____ (vs. 8-10)

2) S _____ the Savior (vs. 11-14)

- A) The symbols have been F _____ (vs. 11)
- B) Redemption has been S _____ (vs. 12-13)
- C) The conscience can be C _____ (vs. 14a)
- D) Our freedom to serve has been O _____ (vs. 14b)

3) S _____ the Savior (application)

- A) There is no S _____ that God has not paid for and will not forgive
→ **and that should energize our witness and our walk with God**
- B) There is no R _____ to not have joy in life because God has joy in you
→ **and that should change our attitudes dramatically**
- C) There is no B _____ between the worshiper and God
→ **and that should make our worship enthusiastic**