



WALKING ON WATER
BIBLE CHURCH

Part 2

THE
EARTHLY
Vs.
THE
HEAVENLY
SANCTUARY

HEBREWS 9:1-12

BIBLE CLASS



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IV. THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

EXPOSED HUMAN INABILITY (9:7–8)

- “But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year...”
- The High Priest’s Restrictions
 - A. **Only one man** - No public access.
 - B. **Only one day** - Day of Atonement.
 - C. **Only with blood** - No blood = judgment.
 - D. **Even for himself** - The priest himself needed forgiveness.

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- **Day of Atonement Sequence =**
- Sacrifice for himself, Bull offered.
- Enter with incense.
- Cloud covered mercy seat.
- Sprinkle blood. Sacrifice for the people.
- Scapegoat sent away. Burnt offerings. Bodies burned outside camp.

Meaning?

- This entire process announced:
- “You still cannot come near.”
- **The Problem:** Sin was covered. It was not removed.
- Hebrews 10:4
- “It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”
- **Fallen Condition Focus:** Human beings desire God—
- but cannot enter His presence apart from atonement.

V. THE TABERNACLE WAS A DIVINE OBJECT LESSON (9:8–10)

- “The Holy Spirit indicating this...”
- The Holy Spirit’s message: The closed veil preached a sermon.
- **Message:** “The way is not open.”
- Why sacrifices could not perfect conscience
- **They dealt with:** Food laws, Washings, External cleansing
- But they could not: Remove guilt, Transform hearts, Cleanse conscience

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- **Application:** External reform ≠ internal redemption.
- **You can:** Dress holy, Attend church, Memorize Scripture, Yet still lack peace with God.

VI. CHRIST ENTERED THE TRUE SANCTUARY (9:11–12)

- “But Christ came...”
- This is the turning point.
- **Old Covenant:** Repeated. **New Covenant:** Completed.
- **Christ the Better High Priest**
- **A. Better Tabernacle**
- Not made with hands. Meaning: He entered heaven itself.
- **B. Better Sacrifice** - Not animal blood. His own blood.
- **Jesus is:** Priest Sacrifice Mediator

VI. CHRIST ENTERED THE TRUE SANCTUARY (9:11–12)

- **C. Better Access**
- Once for all. No repetition. No annual return.
- **D. Better Result**
- Eternal redemption.
- **Old:**
Temporary covering.
- **Christ:**
Complete cleansing.

1. The Earthly Sanctuary = (External religion)



2. Restricted Access = (Sin separates)



**3. Inadequate Sacrifices =
(Cannot cleanse conscience)**



4. Christ's Finished Work = (Access secured)

Christ-Centered Conclusion

- **The veil said:** “Stay out.”
- **The cross says:** “Come boldly.”
- **Hebrews 10:19–22**
- Because Christ entered once for all, believers no longer stand in the outer court hoping to approach God.
- We now enter through Christ with confidence—not because our conscience is clean, but because His blood is sufficient.

The Great Contrast of Hebrews 9

- Hebrews 9 transitions from the earthly tabernacle to the heavenly reality fulfilled in Christ.
- The old covenant worship was temporary, symbolic, and anticipatory
- Christ fulfilled what the old system pointed toward.

Hebrews 9:11-14

- ¹¹ But Christ came *as* High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.
- ¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:11-14

- ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,
- ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:11-14

- ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

- **“But Christ being come an high priest..”**
- The old covenant anticipated what Christ accomplished
- Many priests vs one Priest; temporary vs eternal; sinful vs sinless; animals vs Himself; repeated vs once
- The good things include forgiveness, cleansed conscience, access to God, New Covenant, eternal redemption, and permanent priesthood.

II. CHRIST MINISTERED IN A GREATER TABERNACLE (v.11)

- Not made with hands
- Earthly tabernacle: built by men, temporary, symbolic
- Christ ministers in heavenly reality and God's presence
- Views include the heavenly realm and Christ's incarnate humanity
- **Main point:** Jesus ministers in reality, not shadows.

III. CHRIST ENTERED THROUGH HIS OWN BLOOD (v.12)

- Under the law the priest and sacrifice were separate
- Jesus is Priest, Sacrifice, Mediator, and Temple
- Day of Atonement fulfilled:
- Christ offered Himself and entered heaven.

IV. CHRIST ENTERED ONCE FOR ALL

(v.12)

- No repetition
- One sacrifice forever
- Salvation rests in completed redemption.

V. CHRIST OBTAINED ETERNAL REDEMPTION (v.12)

- Hebrews 9:12 **having obtained eternal redemption.**
- Redemption means release through payment
- Christ accomplished rescue from guilt, condemnation, death, wrath, and separation.

VI. THE OLD SACRIFICES CLEANSED THE OUTSIDE (v.13)

- Blood of goats and bulls and red heifer provided ceremonial cleansing only
- Religion can clean behavior; only Christ cleans the heart.

VII. CHRIST PURIFIES THE CONSCIENCE

(v.14)

- Old covenant cleansed body
- Christ cleanses conscience—inner awareness before God
- Removes shame, accusation, and defilement.

VIII. THROUGH THE ETERNAL SPIRIT

- Christ offered Himself voluntarily, sinlessly, spiritually, and perfectly
- Gethsemane shows obedience
- The cross was not merely execution but obedient self-offering.

IX. FROM DEAD WORKS TO LIVING WORSHIP

- Dead works include sin, empty religion, self-righteousness
- **Order:** Cleaned first, then serve
- Grace produces transformation.

Final Big Idea

- The earthly sanctuary symbolized
- Christ accomplished
- The old priest entered repeatedly;
Christ entered once
- The old sacrifices cleansed
externally;
- Christ cleanses internally.