

# The Superior Sanctuary – Heb. 8

## The Old covenant Sanctuary – 9:1-10

- The way into the holy place was symbolized by the old covenant sanctuary & worship rituals – 9:1-5
- The priesthood continually carried on divine worship in the tabernacle & temple – 9: 6-7
- The Holy Spirit teaches by the first sanctuary the way into the holy place had not yet been shown while it remained – 9:8
- The priestly worship & rituals were external only & could not change the internal sinfulness of people – 9: 9 - 10

## The Superior heavenly Sanctuary – 9: 11 – 28

- Christ entered the heavenly sanctuary – “into the presence of God” which is greater & heavenly not made from creation – 9:11

## Animal sacrifices & Christ’s sacrifice -12

- Christ did not enter the heavenly sanctuary by the blood of animals – 12
- Christ entered the heavenly sanctuary – “into the presence of God” – once for all by His death on the cross – by His own blood – 9:12
- Christ has obtained by His death on the cross eternal redemption – 9:12

## Ceremonial cleansing & conscience cleansing – 13 -14

- Old covenant rituals could not change a person’s heart
- As long as a person obeyed the prescribed regulations of law for worship he was declared clean – the purifying of the flesh – 13, Num. 19: 1 -9 – cleansing by ceremonial washing & animal sacrifice
- The new covenant ministry is internal – cleanses your conscience -14, 8:10
- The new covenant ministry cleanses your conscience from dead works - 14
- The new covenant ministry cleanses your conscience to serve the living God – 14

## Temporary blessings & eternal blessings – 15

- Blessings in the Old covenant depended on obedience to God’s law
- Blessings of the new covenant are eternal blessings
  - Eternal Redemption – 12
  - Eternal Inheritance – 15

### **The power of the blood of Christ – 15 – 28**

- Old Covenant sins were “covered” by the blood of many sacrifices – Ex. 24:3 -8  
The blood sacrifice made them acceptable to God but did not change the person’s nature internally – it was ceremonial cleansing
- God’s principle is that blood must be shed before sin can be forgiven – 22, Lev. 17:11
- New Covenant sins are “cleansed” by Christ’s blood & our faith in Him – Rom. 3:24 -26
- A covenant is like a last will and testament – the covenant is not in effect until death of the writer of the will – 16 – 17
- The sacrifice of animals enforced the promises of the old covenant – 18 -22
- Without the death of the sacrifice no ceremonial forgiveness was given - 22
- Jesus Christ death activated the new covenant – 23 – better sacrifices
- The blood of animals cleansed – “made acceptable” the sanctuary as the way to God – 23
- The blood of Christ has cleansed the way to God into the heavenly sanctuary – sinners can now come into the presence of God – 23, 10:19 -22
  - Christ’s blood now opens the way to God for fellowship spiritually & physically in the future – We enter God’s presence by the blood of Jesus – 10:19
  - \*The old covenant was established by blood
  - \*The new covenant is established by blood
  - \*The new covenant is based on the better sacrifice of Jesus
  - \*The new covenant cleanses - opens to the way into God’s presence in heaven
- The blood of Jesus Christ is the final & complete sacrifice for sins – 24 -28
  - Our high priest is always in the presence of God for us – 24 -25
  - Jesus Christ has appeared to put away sin – 26
  - Jesus Christ now appears in heaven for us – 24
  - Jesus Christ will appear to take believers home to heaven – 28

Heaven is our Inheritance!  
Our sanctuary is in heaven  
Our heavenly Father is in heaven  
Our Lord Savior High Priest is in heaven  
Our citizenship is in heaven – Phil. 3:20  
Our treasures are in heaven – Matt. 6:19  
Our hope is in heaven  
Everything is settled in heaven our inheritance!