

Washings and Regulations > Hebrews 9:1-10

9:1-5 *The tabernacle.* The author gives a description of the general setup of the tabernacle under the old covenant. Particular attention is given to the second, inner room of the tabernacle: the Holy of Holies.

9:6-7 *The priests.* We read of priests – both those who serve in general ways, as well as the high priest, who can enter the Holy of Holies only once per year, and only by following certain regulations.

9:8-10 *The meaning.* Ultimately, under the old covenant, the people were not able to regularly have direct access to the Lord. What's more, their sacrifices – while important – were only temporary; they didn't bring about the restoration from sin that the people ultimately needed.

Background: We've read of how Jesus is the better priest, and of how his promises result in our joy. Now, the author of Hebrews wants us to see the comparison between the old covenant and the new covenant that Jesus has ushered in.

The Point: What we need is not what the rituals of the tabernacle supplied. We need a better covenant.

Head: Know that ritual cannot save you – you need more.

Heart: Believe that your salvation is based on the prophesied promises of God – promises fulfilled only by Jesus.

Hands: Place your hope – and help others to place their hope – in Christ. Not in rituals or traditions. Only in Jesus' work.

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
