

Lesson for Midday and Evening Becoming Sessions

Hebrews 9:1-10

Worship in the Earthly Temple

Lesson Central Idea

The Old Covenant Sacrifices Could *Cover* Our Sins,
But Old Covenant Sacrifices Could Never *Cancel* Our Sins

OPEN IT

- What object best describes your spiritual journey?
- What religious custom do you observe that you really don't understand the meaning or purpose?

EXPLORE IT

- What aspect of the old and new covenants is compared in this passage? (9:1)
- What was the first room of the earthly tabernacle? (9:2)
- What was the first room called? (9:2)
- What was behind the second curtain in the tabernacle? (9:3)
- What two objects were in the room behind the second curtain? (9:4)
- What was inside the ark of the covenant? (9:4)
- What was above the ark? (9:5)
- During the year, who typically ministered at the tabernacle and in which room did this ministry take place? (9:6)
- What three severe restrictions were placed upon entrance into the inner room of the temple? (9:7)
- For whom was the blood offered on the Day of Atonement? (9:7)
- What truth was the Holy Spirit teaching through the once-a-year offering for sin under the old covenant? (9:8)
- What symbolic truth did the Mosaic tabernacle teach about sin? (9:9-10)

GET IT

- From Hebrews 9:1-5 and the background information in Exodus, what is your impression of the old covenant's "regulations for worship?"
- What does the earthly tabernacle and sacrificial system tell us about Christ's once-for-all sacrifice for sin?

- What do you think went through the high priest's mind on the Day of Atonement as he prepared to enter the Holy of Holies?
- What is significant about the contents of the ark of the covenant?
- How can we alter our lives to reflect the fact that God dwells only in holy places?
- What arbitrary religious rules or traditions make it difficult for you to serve God?
- How does Christ's sacrifice enable us to have a clear conscience?

APPLY IT

- What are some practical steps you can take when you feel touched with a guilty conscience?
- What do you want to remember the next time you approach God in worship?

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