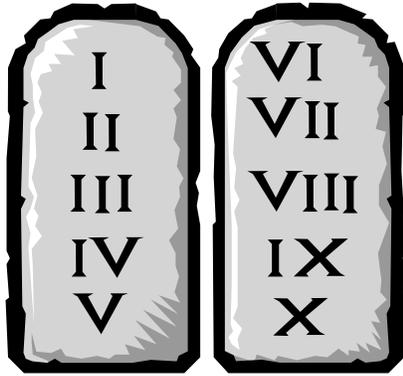


The Superiority of The New Covenant – Part I

Hebrews 9:1-15



Then indeed, even the first *covenant* had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. ² For a tabernacle was prepared: the first *part*, in which *was* the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; ³ and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, ⁴ which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which *were* the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; ⁵ and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

⁶ Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing *the services*. ⁷ But into the second part the high priest *went* alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and *for* the people's sins *committed* in ignorance; ⁸ the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. ⁹ It *was* symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience— ¹⁰ concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

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. 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? 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.

1. What were the items in the Holy Place and the Holiest Place of all?

2. Read Leviticus 9:1-7, what was the high priest required to offer and why?

3. According to Hebrews 9:6-7, when did the priest go into the first part of the tabernacle? When and why did he go into the second part of the tabernacle?

4. According to verse 8-10, what do the two different times of sacrifice indicate?

5. Read Hebrews 9:11-12. How did Christ enter the Most Holy Place? What did He accomplish?

6. Review numbers chapter 19. What was the purpose of the ashes of a heifer?

7. According to Hebrews 9:13, how is the blood of Christ similar to the ashes of the red heifer? How are they different?

8. Why then is Christ the Mediator of the New Covenant?

9. How is Christ the Mediator of the New Covenant?

10. For whom is the New Covenant?
