

July 29, 2007  
Shepherd's Community Church  
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Hebrews 9:1-10

*"Jesus Christ is Infinitely Better!"*  
The Earthly Tabernacle

- I. Jesus Christ: Infinitely Better in His PERSON 1-7
- II. Jesus Christ: Infinitely Better in His WORK (8:1-10:18)
  - A. Minister in a Better Sanctuary (8:1-5)
  - B. Mediator of a Better Covenant (8:6-13)
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ of a Better \_\_\_\_\_ (9:1-14)
    - 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Earthly Tabernacle (\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_) – 9:1-10

### Discussion Questions:

1. What was the most important thing mankind lost when Adam & Eve fell in sin (Gen. 3)? Read Rev. 21:3. What will be the greatest blessing of Heaven and the Tabernacle of God? What was the Old Covenant Tabernacle a symbol of for the Jewish people?
2. In Hebrews 8 the author showed that the Old Covenant had been replaced by the New Covenant. In chapter 9 he shows that the Earthly Sanctuary (Tabernacle) has been replaced by a Heavenly Sanctuary (Tabernacle). Why would this be a critical point to make to the Jewish readers? What were they being tempted to do?
3. The Old Covenant Tabernacle was a picture of Jesus Christ, our High Priest, and the things He would do for us. How do the following things point to Jesus Christ?
  - a. Lampstand (John 8:12ff)
  - b. Table and the sacred bread (John 6:22ff)
  - c. Golden altar of incense
  - d. Manna
  - e. Aaron's rod that budded
  - f. Tables of the covenant
  - g. Mercy seat (Rom. 3:21-25)
4. What were the cherubim of glory looking down upon? If they saw only the contents of the Ark of the Covenant what would they see as to the true condition of mankind? What did the High Priest sprinkle on the "mercy seat"? What did that symbolize about God being able to dwell with sinful men? When the angels look down upon the holiness of God and the blood stained mercy seat what did they learn about redemption?
5. What are the limitations of the Old Covenant Tabernacle? List as many as you can find in the text.
6. Why were the gifts and sacrifices of the Old Covenant Tabernacle unable to make the worshiper perfect in conscience?
7. If you knew you needed to offer a sacrifice for every sin you committed in ignorance how often would you be down at the Tabernacle? What point was God making with the people?
8. Are you trusting in your ability to keep the Law or in Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest?