

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS

The First Covenant and the New Covenant Hebrews 9:1–10

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2,3

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

Day One: Read Hebrews 9:1–10 Overview

1. Why was the earthly tabernacle set up? (Exodus 25:8,9)

2. How many rooms were in the tabernacle? What were the names of the rooms?

3. What was in each room?

4. What were the responsibilities of the priests in the outer room? (Exodus 29:38–41; 30:7,8)

5. What priest was able to go into the inner room? How often was he able to go into the inner room?

Day Two: Read Hebrews 9:1,2 *Several objects which were a part of the tabernacle have been included in this passage of Hebrews. The next two days will include researching the objects and how they were used to point to Christ.*

6. In a few words give a general description of the lampstand. (Exodus 25:31–39) How did the lampstand foreshadow Christ? (John 1:4; 8:12)

7. Describe the table. (Exodus 25:23–30)

8. What type of ingredients were used to make the bread? (Lev 24:5–9) What did the bread represent?

9. How did the table and the bread foreshadow Christ? (John 6:35)

Day Three: Read Hebrews 9:3–5

10. The ark of the covenant was an important piece of furniture in the Most Holy Place. There were three items inside the ark. Each item has historical significance from the days of the Israelites wandering in the desert. How does each item represent God’s relationship to His people?

A. Manna (Exodus 16:32–35)

B. Aaron’s Staff (Numbers 17:1–10)

C. Stone Tablets (Exodus 34:27,28)

11. What was the lid called? (Exodus 30:6)

A. Write a definition of atonement? (Feel free to use a dictionary)

B. Who is now our atonement? (Romans 3:21–25)

12. “Within this Jewish Sanctuary, then, we find a picture of God’s plan of salvation. We see ‘mercy and truth met together’ (see Ps. 85:10)—God’s throne of grace supporting His righteousness rather than compromising it.” Ray Stedman What do you think he meant by this?

Day Four: Read Hebrews 9:6,7,9 *The role of the shed blood.*

13. What did the high priest need to be able to enter the Most Holy Place?

A. For whom was the blood offered?

B. What sins did the blood atone for?

(In Old Testament language the “sins of ignorance” were seen in contrast to sins of unrepented defiance. See Numbers 15:30,31)

14. In light of verse 9, was the blood offered in the Most Holy Place enough? Why or why not?

Day Five: Read Hebrews 9:8–10 *How this passage applies to us today.*

15. What did the Holy Spirit wish to show?

16. How was this a picture for today? (vs. 9)

17. What did the first covenant deal with? What was it unable to deal with?

18. What are the sacrifices in which God delights? (Psalm 51:10–17)

19. How are these sacrifices ever obtained? (Hebrews 9:13,14)