

THE PATHWAY TO THE FATHER IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

--Jesus Serves in a Better Sanctuary

Hebrews 9

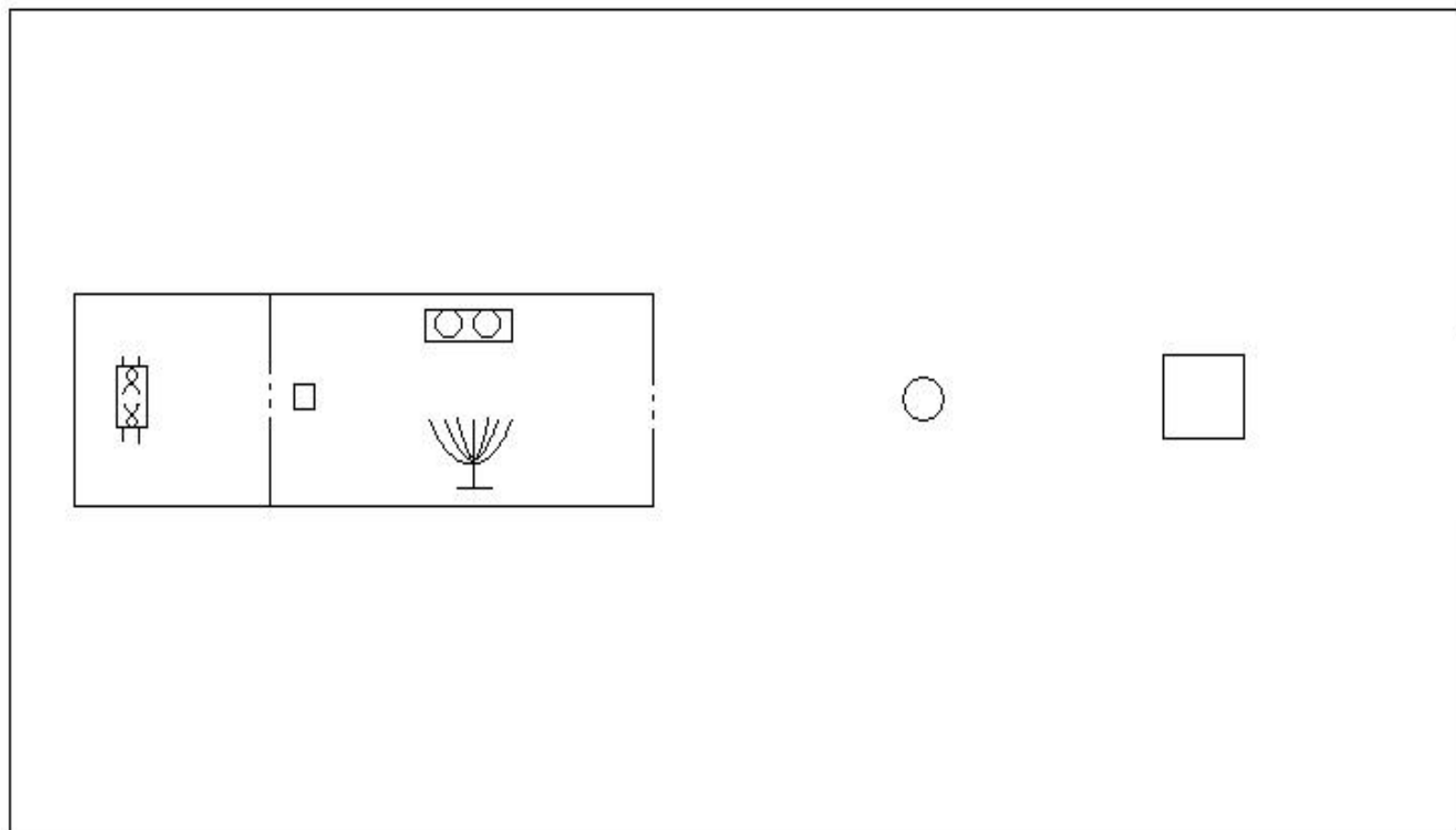
- I. The Earthly Sanctuary Changes How God Looks at the Worshippers (9:1-10)
 - A. The Arrangements of the OT Tabernacle Are Familiar to All (9:1-5)
 - 1. The Earthly Tabernacle (9:1)
 - 2. The Holy Place (9:2)
 - 3. The Holy of Holies (9:3-5)
 - B. The Limitations of the OT Sacrificial System Is Evident to Us (9:6-10)
 - 1. The Sinful Are Separated from the Holy (9:6-7)
 - a. Only the Priests Can Enter the First Veil (9:6)
 - b. Only the High Priest Can Enter the Second Veil (9:7)
 - i. The High Priest Had to Sacrifice for His Sins First
 - ii. The High Priest Had Limited Access to God
 - 2. The Way to the Holy Place Had Been Opened (9:8)
 - a. The First Veil Had Torn Apart by Christ's Redemption
 - b. Believers Have Access to the Holy Place as Priests of God
 - 3. The Earthly Sanctuary Was Meant to Be Temporary (9:9-10)
 - a. OT Sacrifices Cannot Cleanse Human Conscience (9:9)
 - b. OT Regulations End at the Time of Reformulation (9:10)
- II. The Heavenly Sanctuary Changes the Nature of the Worshippers (9:11-28)
 - A. Christ's Redemption Is Superior to OT Sacrifices (9:11-14)
 - 1. Christ Is the Final High Priest in the Heavenly Sanctuary (9:11)
 - a. Christ Came as the Long Awaited Fulfillment to Prophecies
 - b. Christ is the High Priest of the Better Things in the Future
 - c. Christ Serves in a Heavenly Sanctuary Build by God
 - 2. Christ Was the Best Ever Sacrifice (9:12)
 - a. Christ Was the Sacrifice; God the Father Being the Priest
 - b. Christ Needed to Enter the Holy Place Once: Being Sinless
 - c. Christ's Redemption is Final: Being God and Infinite
 - 3. Christ's Redemption Penetrates into the Heart of Man (9:13-14)
 - a. OT Sacrifices Only Cleanse the Body (9:13)
 - b. Christ's Sacrifice Cleanses the Heart (9:14)
 - i. Christ Gave Himself by the Eternal Spirit
 - ii. Christ Was the Perfect Sacrifice
 - iii. Christ's Blood Cleanses the Heart of Man
 - iv. Christ's Redemption Leads to Repentance
 - v. Christ's Redemption Make Servants of God
 - B. Christ Is the Mediator of the New Covenant (9:15-22)
 - 1. Christ Became Mediator of NC by Shedding His Blood (9:15-17)
 - a. Christ Paid the Debts and Gave Eternal Inheritance (9:15)
 - c. Christ's Death Made the Testament Effective (9:16-17)
 - 2. The OC Was Also Established by the Shedding Blood (9:18-22)
 - a. Moses Sprinkled Blood on the OT Covenanters (9:18-21)
 - b. As a Rule: Without Blood There Is No Forgiveness (9:22)

- C. Christ Ministers in the Heavenly Sanctuary (9:23-28)
 - 1. Christ's Ministry is Heavenly (9:23-24)
 - a. The Originals Are Better than the Copies (9:23)
 - b. Christ Entered Heavenly Sanctuary (9:24)
 - 2. Christ's Redemption Is Once-for-all (9:25-26)
 - a. Christ Does not Need to Repeat His Sacrifice (9:25)
 - b. Christ's Once-for-all Sacrifice Removed Sin (9:26)
 - 3. Christ's Sacrifice Is for the Salvation of Man (9:27-28)
 - a. Everyone is Waiting for the Final Judgment (9:27)
 - b. Christ's Redemption Bears the Sin of Man (9:28)

Study Questions

1. What are the meanings of the symbols in the Tabernacle?
2. What is different in the NT era in respect to man's access to God?
3. What do the OT sacrifices achieve? What about Christ's Sacrifice?
4. How did Christ become the mediator of the New Covenant? Why is it effective?
5. Why without blood there is no forgiveness?
6. Why is Christ's redemption once-for-all?
7. What are the options of interpreting the meaning of the "heavenly sanctuary"?
8. What is wrong in the Catholic interpretation of the Lord's Supper?
9. Is there a purgatory according the Hebrews?
10. What is the purpose of Christ's Second Coming?

The Tabernacle



The Ark of the Covenant

