

## “THE EARTHLY TABERNACLE VS. THE HEAVENLY TABERNACLE” (Hebrews 9)

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**INTRO:** Let’s continue working our way through the spiritual meat of Hebrews. Today we’ll be covering Hebrews 9.

### **I. The Furniture of the Earthly Tabernacle (vv. 1-5).**

- A. The first covenant had regulations for the earthly tabernacle (v. 1; Exodus 25-31).
- B. The holy place: the lampstand & table of showbread (v. 2).
- C. The most holy place: golden censer, ark of the covenant, pot of manna, Aaron’s rod & 10 Commandments (vv. 3-4).
- D. The mercy seat with cherubim was the ark’s lid (v. 5).

### **II. The Function of the Earthly Tabernacle (vv. 6-10).**

- A. Priests made blood sacrifices for the sins of the people.
- B. Earthly tabernacle symbolic of heavenly tabernacle.
- C. Earthly tabernacle didn’t perfect priests or cleanse the conscience but dealt only with external observances.

### **III. The Heavenly Tabernacle (vv. 11-14).**

- A. Heavenly tabernacle and Christ’s sacrifice far superior.
- B. Jesus’ own one-time blood vs. ongoing blood of animals.

### **IV. Jesus is the Mediator of the New Covenant (vv. 15-22).**

- A. The illustration of a will (vv. 16-17; Rom. 8:16-17).
- B. Both covenants were dedicated with blood (vv. 18-22).

### **V. Our Great High Priests’ Superior Sacrifice (vv. 23-28).**

- A. The earthly tabernacle patterned after the heavenly.
- B. The heavenly tabernacle purified with superior sacrifice.
- C. Only one blood sacrifice was necessary for Christ (25-26).
- D. One appointment with death, then judgment (v. 27).
  - 1. This isn’t an all-inclusive statement (examples).
  - 2. Christ already died once, so there won’t be a second.
  - 3. After death there’s no more chance to get saved!
- E. Christ will return a 2<sup>nd</sup> time – let’s eagerly wait (v. 28)!

**CONCLUSION:** In Christ we have a superior High Priest who made a superior sacrifice, and we now have a superior new covenant and heavenly tabernacle! Are you ready for your appointment with death? How far will you go with God?