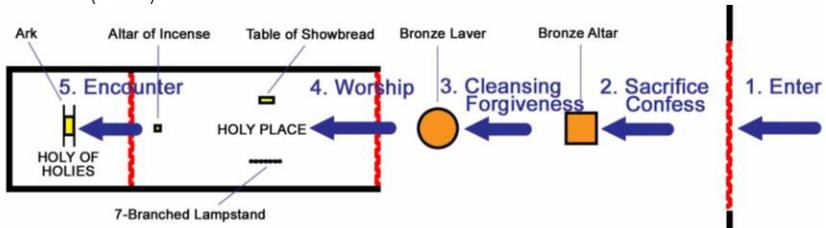


Worshipping God by serving Him

Hebrews 9:1-14, p. 972

- I. THE TABERNACLE WAS TRUE WORSHIP, BUT IT COULD NOT CLEANSE HEARTS (HEBREWES 9:1-10).
 - A. The furniture pictured the way into God's holy presence (9:1-5).



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- B. Priests temporarily addressed sin, but did not solve it (9:6-10).
 1. Priests entered the holy place daily, while only the high priest entered the Holy of Holies once a year (6-7).
 2. The Holy Spirit was showing that the tabernacle could not give full access to God since it could not cleanse sin (8-10).
- II. CHRIST REDEEMED US SO WE CAN WORSHIP BY SERVING THE LIVING GOD (HEBREWES 9:11-14).
 - A. Christ our high priest fulfilled God's tabernacle plan with His own blood to redeem us from all sin (11-12).
 1. The many blessings of God's grace are ours today because Jesus fulfilled the tabernacle symbols (11).
 2. Jesus solved our sin problem by His redeeming blood (12).
 - B. Christ cleanses us internally so that we now worship through praise and good works that honor God (13-14).
 1. The guilt issue: Sacrifices purified ceremonially but the blood of Christ cleanses us internally (13; 1 John 1:7-9).
 2. The worship issue: Rituals now are useless to God, but we worship God by serving Him (14; Hebrews 13:15-16).