

Hebrews

(Lesson 12)

Introduction:

1. The first section (1:1-4:13) emphasizes "the superiority of Christ as God's spokesman."
2. The second section (4:14-ch.10) emphasizes "the superiority of Christ as High Priest."
3. Ch.9 shows how Christ serves as High Priest in a better tabernacle.
4. The information revealed in this chapter helps us to more fully understand and appreciate the great prophecies given in Isaiah 53 and Jeremiah 31:31-34.

Discussion:

- I. (9:1-7) THE TABERNACLE OF THE OLD COVENANT IS DISCUSSED
 - A. (vs.1-5) Its furnishings are listed.
 - B. (vs.6-7) The sacrifices offered in it are mentioned.
 1. Certain sacrifices were offered continually (Exodus 29:38-43).
 2. A special sacrifice was offered once each year by the high priest on the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16:29-34).
- II. (9:8-10) THE TABERNACLE, WITH ITS FURNISHINGS AND SACRIFICES, SERVED AS A FIGURE OF SOMETHING ELSE THAT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER
- III. (9:11-14) TODAY, CHRIST SERVES AS HIGH PRIEST IN A GREATER AND MORE PERFECT TABERNACLE
 - A. His tabernacle is not made with hands (see vs.24).
 - B. He entered into the holy place once, making eternal redemption available.
 - C. His blood makes having a pure conscience possible (compare with vs.9).
 - D. A change in tabernacles implies a change in covenants.
- IV. (9:15-22) WHEN CHRIST DIED, HIS NEW TESTAMENT BECAME EFFECTIVE
 - A. (vs.15) Christ died on behalf of those who lived when the old covenant was in effect.
 - B. Without the shedding of Christ's blood, there could be no remission of sins.
- V. (9:23-28) THE LORD'S SACRIFICE IS SUPERIOR TO THE SACRIFICES OFFERED IN THE OLD TABERNACLE