

THE OLD AND THE NEW COVENANTS

Hebrews 9

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

DAY 1: HEBREWS 9:1-5—THE FORMER PLACE

1. Read about the origins of the tabernacle in Exodus 24:13–25:9.
 - a. How was the contribution of building materials initiated?

 - b. How was the design of the tabernacle determined?

2. Give a brief account of these items mentioned in verse 4:
 - a. the “*golden urn holding the manna*” (Exodus 16:32-34)

 - b. “*Aaron’s staff that budded*” (Numbers 17:1-10)

 - c. “*the tablets of the covenant*” (Deuteronomy 10:1-5)

DAY 2: HEBREWS 9:6-10—THE FORMER PRACTICE

3. Read Leviticus 16:29–17:14.
 - a. What main regulations established for Israel do you find in this Leviticus passage?

 - b. God Himself instituted the sacrificial system. Why is *blood* essential to the sacrifice (17:11)?

4. According to Hebrews 9:9, what is the offering of gifts and sacrifices unable to do?

5. a. Concerning Hebrews 9:10,
 - 1) What are “*regulations for the body*”?

 - 2) Why are these not enough to clear the conscience of God’s people?

- b. Review Hebrews 8:10-13. “*The time of reformation*” (9:10) is the new covenant initiated by Christ. What does it provide that “*regulations for the body*” lack?

DAY 3: HEBREWS 9:11-14—THE FINAL PRESENTATION

6. From this passage, record the ways in which Christ's service and sacrifice as High Priest are superior to the rituals performed by former high priests.

7. Read Isaiah 29:13; Matthew 23:23-28. What are "*dead works*"?

8. a. From this passage, what is the effect of having a cleansed conscience?

b. What does it mean to you to "*serve the living God*"?

DAY 4: HEBREWS 9:15-22—THE FIXED PRICE

9. The author uses a will to illustrate the new covenant in verses 16-17. What aspect of a covenant does the author express in these verses?

10. a. Since its beginning, the book of Hebrews has emphasized "*new*" or "*better*" things. From 9:18-22, what has not changed or been improved upon?

b. What is your honest reaction to the fact that the forgiveness of sin requires the shedding of blood? Talk to God about your answer, and if you need His help in understanding or accepting His ways, ask Him for it. Remember Hebrews 4:16 as you pray.

DAY 5: HEBREWS 9:23-28—THE FUTURE ATTAINED

11. What phrases do you find in chapter 9 that repeat themes already presented in earlier chapters of Hebrews?

12. On the basis of what Christ has already accomplished, is there anything that still needs to be done to provide salvation? Cite the verse that supports your answer.

DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS

APPLY what you have learned. In one brief chapter, we see that things of the past bear great influence on the present. This is true in our personal lives—we are molded by our past. How does your past influence your present (and future)? Thank God for the blessings that have made your present good. Ask Him to redeem and show you the purpose for the difficult things so that they, too, can be part of a blessed present and future.