

The Ministry of the Superior Sanctuary

This week we continue our study in Hebrews 9:11–23, and we lift our eyes to Christ who has come as “High Priest of the good things to come.” He did not enter by means of an earthly tent, but through “the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands”—the true and lasting sanctuary of God. In the Old covenant, blood was carried into holy places again and again, and the rituals could cleanse outwardly. Yet the very repetition testified that something deeper was still needed: not merely the cleansing of the flesh, but the quieting of a troubled conscience before a holy God.

Hebrews reminds us that Jesus entered “once for all... by His own blood,” and in doing so He “obtained eternal redemption.” His sacrifice does what animal blood could never do: “how much more shall the blood of Christ... cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.” And because He is “the Mediator of the new covenant,” His death redeems even “the transgressions under the first covenant,” so that “those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.” The passage also presses home a solemn reality: a covenant is put into force by death, and “without shedding of blood there is no remission.” Join us in worship as we remember the costly mercy that opened the way into the true sanctuary—and as we ask God to form in us a clean conscience, a grateful heart, and willing service.

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