



Jesus
Is Supreme

Purified!

Hebrews 9:1-14

Relevance

- ★ Both daughters at university
 - ◆ Concerned about how it will impact them
- ★ Hebrews & technical details of salvation
 - ◆ This information is gold!
 - ◆ Looking at:
 - ◆ Regulations for worship
 - ◆ Symbolizing Separation
 - ◆ Need for Purification

1. Regulations for Worship

★ First covenant:

- ◆ “regulations for worship” v 1 ... “for the body” v 10
- ◆ An “inclusio” – bracket a section of writing

★ Layout & contents of tabernacle (v 1-5)

- ◆ Two sections

1. Regulations for Worship ...

- ◆ First – “Holy Place” (v 2)
- ◆ Second – “Most Holy Place” [Lit: Holy of Holies]
 - ◆ Separated by a curtain
- ◆ All of this was a symbol

2. Symbolizing Separation

- ★ A “copy” of the heavenly reality (8:5)
 - ◆ A “symbol” of the present age (v 9)
 - ◆ Signify access is “not yet opened” (v 8)
 - ◆ Declaration: the way to God is blocked
 - ◆ High Priest can only go in “once a year” (v 7)
 - ◆ “regulations for the body” – cannot clear conscience
 - ◆ Proper purification for sins has not been made

3. Need for Purification

- ★ Point to “time of reformation” (v 10)
 - ◆ Christ appeared ... “good things have come” (v 11)
 - ◆ Entered “perfect tent” made “eternal redemption” (v 11-12)
 - ◆ We now have “purification of conscience” (v 14)

3. Need for Purification ...

- ★ Passage overlaps two sections
 - ◆ One section (8:1 – 9:10) about Old Covenant
 - ◆ New section (9:11 – 10:18) about Christ
 - ◆ Jesus' name last in 7:22, "Christ" first word in 9:11
 - ◆ Opens access to true, heavenly "Holy of Holies"
 - ◆ Full and permanent access to God is available in Christ

Living It – What Matters

- ★ Figure out and make peace with change
 - ◆ It can be quite unsettling
- ★ Hebrews & current upheaval
 - ◆ Reminding me current situation is temporary
 - ◆ Eternal life with God remains unchanged & secure

Living It – What Matters ...

- ★ One way it has been a blessing to me
 - ◆ Morning Prayer at 8am every weekday
- ★ Jesus opened way to a glorious eternal reality