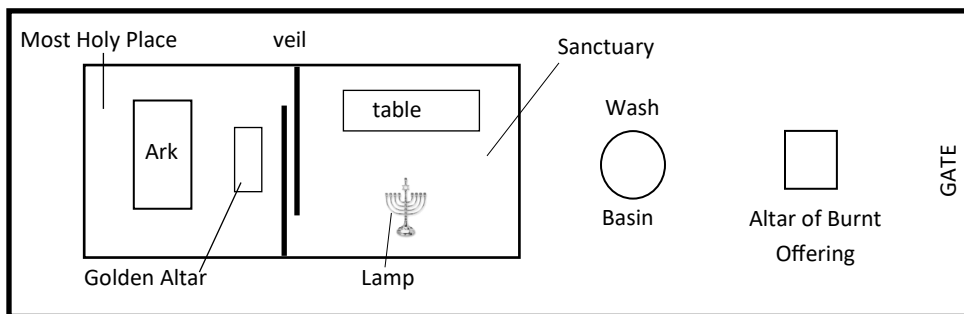


We continue our interesting journey through Hebrews with the tabernacle, the Most Holy Place, the sacrifices and a troubled conscience. There's no shortage of "less than" practices and external regulations. But did any of these lofty rituals set people free?

Hebrews 9:1-14

Jewish believers were drifting even as they were tempted to return to the familiar. The author is showing how incomplete the old order was in making them right.

The Earthly Tabernacle



- * A holy God, who was . . . (vv. 1-5)
great and unapproachable.
- * A hole in one's soul (vv. 6-10)
"unable to clear the conscience."
- * A hope for wholeness (vv. 11-14)
 - ✓ redemption - payment to set us free
 - ✓ Inwardly clean - a guilt-free conscience
 - ✓ Freed to serve the living God!

Reflective Questions:

- 1) What religious customs did you grow up with? How did they help you (if at all) in your relationship with God?
- 2) How did the old order of the 1st covenant point to the new reformation? Why was the old empty?
- 3) What blesses you about the message of 9:11-14? How is serving God the result of redemption? How might you apply this message to your life?

