

The Promise: From Virtual to Reality

Hebrews 9:1-14

INTRODUCTION:

I. The Virtual (vv.1-10)

A. Virtual Place (vv.1-5)

1. Place of Holiness
2. First Section
 - a) Lampstand
 - b) Table
 - c) Bread of the Presence -- provision
3. Second Section
 - a) Golden altar of incense -- mediation / prayer
 - b) Ark of the covenant -- sovereignty / rule
 - c) Stops fairly abruptly to focus on the point

B. Virtual Priest (vv.6-7)

1. The priests
 - a) After preparations have been made
 - b) Into the first section
 - c) Regularly
 - d) Performing ritual duties
2. The high priest

- a) Into the second section
- b) Once a year
- c) Day of Atonement
- d) Always with blood

C. Virtual Offering (vv.8-10)

1. The "first section"
2. Imperfect
 - a) To perfect the conscience of the worshiper
 - b) To cleanse anything but the outer person

II. The Reality (vv.11-14)

A. The Real Priest (vv.11-12)

1. vv.11-12 is one long sentence where Christ is the subject
2. Entered the real place
 - a) The perfect tent
 - b) The holy places
3. Providing real redemption
 - a) Christ
 - b) Entered once for all time
 - c) By His own blood

(1) **Hebrews 9:22**

(2) **Hebrews 10:19-25**

B. The Real Offering (vv.13-14)

1. The prior blood offerings were only designed for outer cleansing of the flesh.
2. Offering real blood, which would cleanse the conscience for good.
3. Christ, when he entered Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday, He was entering in order to perform His duties as our great High Priest.
4. Providing real forgiveness
 - a) From dead works
 - b) For service
 - c) This fulfills the prophecy of Jeremiah 31 mentioned previously -- pointing to **Hebrews 10:18**

Application