

# BETTER SANCTUARY

HEBREWS 9:1-15, 23-26

## The Old Covenant Design

- The Place (vs. 1-5) – The Tabernacle
- The Activity (vs. 6-8) – The High Priest’s ANNUAL Sacrifice for Sin
- The Result (vs. 9, 10:1-4) – Continued Personal GUILT

## The New Covenant Reclamation

- The Better Place (vs. 11, 23-24) - HEAVEN
- The Better Action (vs. 12, 25-26) – Christ’s ONE Sacrifice for Sin
- The Better Result (vs. 14) – Conscience Made CLEAN

### Questions For Consideration:

1. One contrast between the “sacrifices of bulls and goats” and the sacrifice of Christ was the need for annual sacrifices to be performed versus a “once-and-done” solution. How do you think this piecemeal approach to atonement (paying the penalty of sin) may affect a person spiritually? Why? Do people today still attempt to practice a piecemeal approach to seeking God’s forgiveness? If you said, “Yes”, how would you say they do it now?
2. Why is the inability of the Old Testament sacrificial system to deliver us from guilty feelings considered “a failure of the system”? What could constantly battling a guilty conscience do to our relationship with God?
3. Is there a time when you had trouble accepting the reality of God’s forgiveness because of a struggle with conscious guilt? Can you tell about the time? How did it affect you spiritually? When you feel guilty, how do you try to clear your conscience?
4. How would you describe the state of your conscience? Why? What is most helpful in keeping your conscience clear?