



Jesus as Superior Sacrifice

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- ¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.
- ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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- ¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.
- ¹⁶ For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷ For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.

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- ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.”
- ²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship.
- ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

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- ²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.
- ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.
- ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.



Jesus, High Priest of a Better Covenant

Hebrews 8:1-13 (ESV)

(Last Week)

Introduction

- ¹⁶ For where **a will** is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷ For **a will takes effect only at death**, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. (Hebrews 9:16-17)
- A will = a testament = a covenant
- Death as requirement to activate the will

I. The Nature of Jesus' Superior Sacrifice

- “his own blood” (9:12, 22)
- “offered himself” (9:14)
- “without blemish” (9:14)
- “the mediator of a new covenant” (9:15)
- **“under the law”** (9:22)
- “better sacrifices”(9:23)
- “once” (9:26)
- “for all” (9:26)

(1) “under the law”

(Hebrews 9:22)

- **The covenant of grace within the covenant of law**
- “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins” (Hebrews 9:22)
- **He obeys God’s law perfectly in our stead**, doing what Adam should have done, so that we can be reckoned as righteous in Him, men and women who have fulfilled God’s will where both Adam and the collective nation of Israel failed (“The Covenant of Grace Fulfilled,” Ligonier Ministry)
- **“Having been declared righteous**, then, by faith, we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1).

II. The Effect of Jesus' Superior Sacrifice

- “securing an eternal redemption” (9:12)
- “receive the promised eternal inheritance” (9:15)
- “forgiveness of sins” (9:22)
- “to bear the sins of many” (9:28)
- **“purify our conscience”** (9:14)

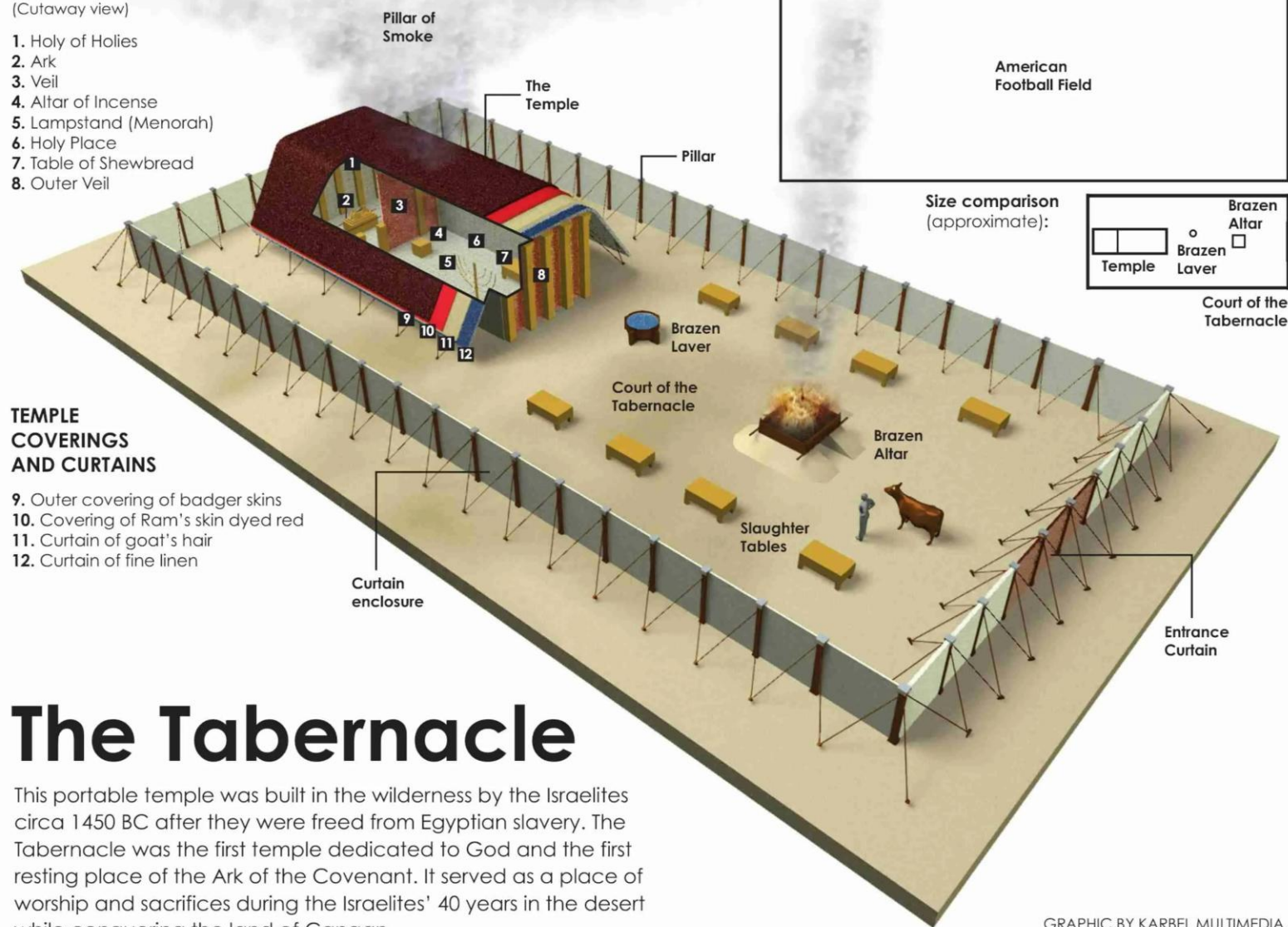
(2) “Purify our conscience”: Freedom from Spiritual Anxiety

- ¹⁴ “how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, **purify our conscience** from dead works to serve the living God. (Hebrews 9:14)
- ⁶ “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And **the peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).
- ²⁷ “Peace I leave with you; **my peace I give to you**. Not as the world gives do I give to you. **Let not your hearts be troubled**, neither let them be afraid” (John 14:27).

INSIDE THE TEMPLE

(Cutaway view)

1. Holy of Holies
2. Ark
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Lampstand (Menorah)
6. Holy Place
7. Table of Shewbread
8. Outer Veil



TEMPLE COVERINGS AND CURTAINS

9. Outer covering of badger skins
10. Covering of Ram's skin dyed red
11. Curtain of goat's hair
12. Curtain of fine linen

The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

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(3) With Christ in the heavenly tabernacle

- “Now the point in what we are saying is this: **we have such a high priest**, one who is **seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven**, ² a minister in the holy places, **in the true tent** that the Lord set up, not man” (Hebrews 8:1-2).
- But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and **seated us with him in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:4-6).
- “I will go on to **visions and revelations of the Lord**. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was **caught up to the third heaven**—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows” (2 Corinthians 12:1-2).



Let Us Pray

