

### Background Information

Under Old Testament law, sin could technically be expiated (God's anger appeased by substitution) only by bloodshed. The service of the Levitical priest obtained a limited, recurring, symbolic type of redemption. If the earthly sanctuary could be dedicated only by blood, so also the heavenly sanctuary. It was necessary for the "**heavenly sanctuary**" to be purified by a perfect sacrifice. Only the perfect blood of Christ could shed His blood for the permanent remission of sin. For *without shedding of blood there is no remission.* (9:22)

The author has shown that the Old Testament anticipated a *better* New Covenant. He now sets forth the superiority of Christ's service as Mediator of the New Covenant. The "eternal" priesthood of one like "Melchizedek" was not based on temporary annual sacrifices that needed to be repeated year after year. His eternal priesthood is perpetuated by a once-for-all, finished sacrifice on the cross.

Christ appeared in the past for our salvation (v.26), a present appearing (v.24) for our sanctification and there remains a future appearing for our glorification (v.28).







## BOILING IT DOWN – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



What **lesson** can I draw from my observations?

State each lesson in a simple sentence (aim for 10 words or less).

Hebrews 9:11–15 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Hebrews 9:16-22 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Hebrews 9:23-28 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## REFINED AS GOLD - HOW CAN I APPLY IT?



How should it change me? Ask yourself, “What **course of action** do I need to take to apply each lesson?” (aim for 10 words or less)

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**CHALLENGE:** Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.

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### STORING UP YOUR TREASURE ...

What was the limit of the O. T. sacrifices?

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What are some reasons Christ's sacrifice is *better*?

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What words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.

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**CHECKING FOR CLARITY:** See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

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Hebrews 9:23-28 \_\_\_\_\_

**BARS OF GOLD:** State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

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**FLEX YOUR MUSCLES:** Can you discover an O.T. example of this N.T. truth?

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## HIDE YOUR TREASURE IN YOUR HEART

For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Matthew 26:28

Radiating His Truth . . .

The blood that purchased your eternal redemption came not from **unwilling** animals but from the Son of God who **willingly** laid down His life for you. - Warren Wiersbe

