

Letter to the Hebrews

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The Earthly Tabernacle

Hebrews 9:1-10

I. ITS PURPOSE

1. Its primary purpose was to provide a place where God could dwell amongst His sinful people
 - There was only one way of approach to God
 - It revealed God's loving kindness to His people
2. Its other purpose was to point forward to the One who was promised:
 - Christ is the true sanctuary and tabernacle
 - It was a temporary external symbol of the reality which came upon Christ's death on the cross

II. ITS SYMBOLISM

Tabernacle

Covering skins
The lampstand
The table
The showbread
The incense altar
The veil
The ark of the covenant

Christ

His outward mortality
The light of the world
Fellowship
The bread of life
His answered prayers
Rent flesh on the cross
The sin bearer

The Israelite

The two tablets
The pot of manna
Aaron's rod

Rejection of God's Law
Rejection of God's provision
Rejection of God's leadership

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Application

Is Christ your ark of safety?

Is Christ the One who has borne your sins personally?

No Church or organization or ritual can save you. Christ is the true and only sanctuary in Heaven. He is the only true High priest in Heaven. He is the only true mediator between God and you in Heaven.

There is only one way to God. The Israelite of old who tried to come to God in some other way was destroyed. Jesus said “I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father, but through Me.” (John 14:6)