

**April 27, 2025**  
**HEBREWS 9:1-14**  
**"Less Is More"**

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

The author wants to show the greatness of the new covenant, it is natural for him to draw attention to the ineffectiveness of the old. This was reflected in the way the tabernacle was set up and used. Moses was told by God exactly how he was to build it.

A working knowledge of the Pentateuch is helpful when studying Hebrews. The old way was focused on objects and things that were a type. He leaves it here because he wants not to get bogged down in this subject of things past. His desire is to make a working comparison between the old and new and the superiority of the new.

The insufficiency of the old way is described by the author. There was restricted access with the old system. This demonstrated that the true way to God did not lie with the Levitical priesthood. The need of man was not being met at its deepest level. The old way couldn't clear the conscience it was now time for the new, by the blood of Christ.

There is now no veil separation between man and God, no time delay of a year before one could receive even ceremonial cleansing. Less weight of sin is a good thing, the New Covenant offers the sinner cleansing and therefore a clear conscience before God and man. The tabernacle was not to be mocked but it was not the rest of the story.

Dead works in this passage are anything one does in the category of self-invented works and ways to God.

Now we see why it was noted so forcefully that Moses built the tabernacle exactly to order. It was not complete, only Jesus can make the final conscience cleansing way of atonement to the throne of God. Jesus accomplished this with His own blood that He shed on the cross for the forgiveness of sin. Now the author has told us, now you can come right up to the throne of God because of what Jesus has done, **Hebrews 4:14-16**.

**Application:**

A more perfect sacrifice, Jesus' own blood. An eternal, not temporal, redemption. Lots of deaths occur without blood. Jesus' blood involved in His death indicates sacrifice. The blood of Christ is the ransom that was paid by Him in order to effect release from sin and guilt. What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! Are you washed in the blood?