

“THANKS FOR THE SANCTUARIES !”

(Hebrews 9:1-28)

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When we walk into this place every Sunday, we literally enter into a sanctuary. Do you feel that or sense that when you come into this place?

Sanctuaries have a great history and meaning in the Bible and the author of Hebrews touches on it in today's text.

I. The REVIEW of each sanctuary

A. The EARTHLY sanctuary

- **The INFORMATION:**

The Tabernacle had to be de-constructed and reassembled EVERY TIME the Israelites moved their camp throughout their 40 years of wandering.

The most crucial part was known as the Holy of Holies, the inner part of the sanctuary, where GOD was believed to reside.

The author describes the FUTILITY of the old system through:

- **The ILLUSTRATION**

Though instructed by God, the earthly sanctuaries were unable to do one crucial thing – cleanse the HEARTS of the people.

God's ultimate answer was:

B. The HEAVENLY sanctuary

This sanctuary is superior to the earthly one in four ways:

- **The PERSON offering the sacrifice**

Jesus is High Priest of the heavenly Tabernacle, an obvious UPGRADE!

- **The PRECIOUSNESS of the sacrifice**

Instead of animal blood, Jesus offered his OWN, for you and me!

- **The PERMANENCE of the sacrifice**

Jesus' sacrifice was a one time event, enough to last FOREVER.

- **The POWER of the sacrifice**

Eternal inheritance! But, only to those who accept it!

II. The RATIFICATION of each sanctuary

Both of the sanctuaries had to be ratified by God once they were created, by use of the element God required, blood sacrifice. It was his teaching to man of the COSTLINESS of sin.

A. The EARTHLY sanctuary

- **The SPRINKLER of this blood: MOSES**

This chilling reminder:

...and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. (22).

- **The SOURCE of this blood: ANIMALS**
- **The SUMMARY of this blood: It was UNABLE to take away the sins**

There is a great difference in:

B. The HEAVENLY sanctuary

- **The APRINKLER of this blood: JESUS himself!**

The heavenly sanctuary has a greater person making the offering.

- **The SOURCE of this blood: JESUS, himself!**

The Savior, now in heaven, has “done away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.”

- **The SUMMARY of this blood:**

Jesus hung on the cross “... to take away the sins of many people...”

It does not say “ALL people.” Why?

Many people simply do not ACCEPT the gift of Jesus, the greatest gift ever offered in the history of the universe.

When our bodies cease to function, our souls will CONTINUE. The only question is, “WHERE?”

God has provided a PATHWAY to the heavenly sanctuary through the blood sacrifice of his Son.

Have YOU repented of your sins, accepted the sacrifice of Jesus and made him Lord?

Where will you spend YOUR eternity?