

From Shadow to Substance: Our Confidence in Christ

In Hebrews 9:1–10, the writer reminds us that God gave Israel an earthly sanctuary—beautiful, detailed, and full of meaning. Yet it was also limited. The priests entered daily, sacrifices were repeated, and even the Most Holy Place was approached only under strict conditions. The Holy Spirit was teaching something through all of it: the old system could point to God’s holiness, but it could not fully open the way to lasting peace of conscience.

The good news is that we are not asked to live in the shadow when the reality has come. In Christ, we have a better Priest, a better sacrifice, and a better sanctuary—heaven itself. When you feel burdened by guilt, spiritual fatigue, or the sense that you must “try harder” to be accepted by God, remember: our access to the Father is grounded in what Jesus has done, not in what we can perform. This week, draw near with humble confidence—through prayer, through repentance, and through grateful worship—knowing that Christ has made the way.

Prayer focus: “Lord, help us not to cling to empty shadows, but to rest in the finished work of Jesus and to worship You in spirit and truth.”

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