

The Torah & New Covenant

A Study of Hebrews - (Hebrews 9:1-28)
Rabbi Barney Kasdan, February 23rd, 2020

I. The Torah Typology (Hebrews 9:1-10)

- **Tabernacle**
- **Menorah / Bread / Incense**
- **Ark of the Covenant**
- **High Priest on Yom Kippur**
- **Symbols for a Time**

II. Messiah's First Appearance (Hebrews 9:11-22)

- **Yeshua as High Priest**
- **Yeshua as Sacrifice**
- **How much more?**
- **Life by His death**
**** Mashiach Ben Yosef**

III. Messiah's Second Appearance (Hebrews 9:24-28)

- **Messiah in Heaven**
- **Sacrifice once for all**
- **We wait for Him**
**** Mashiach Ben David**

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This Week's Discussion Guide:

Welcome to our seventh week of this 12 week study of Hebrews 5-11. Our last week of small groups for this season will be the last week in March.

At GPC, we are big on small groups :). May our church family grow warmer together as we meet in small groups to develop friendships and encourage each other as we learn to apply God's truths to our everyday lives.

Getting Started:

Last Sunday morning, we studied Hebrews 9 with Rabbi Barney. In introducing the Ark of the Covenant, we saw a 'classic clip' from Raider's of the Last Ark. Speaking of Harrison Ford movies, what is one or two of your favorite ones? Ok, if you can't think of any, you need to watch more movies!

Hebrews 9 gives us details of the special tent called the Tabernacle. Speaking of tents, what are your more vivid memories (recently or growing up) that include tents (good or not so good)?

At the end of Barney's message, we had some Q/A time with him. If you could sit down with Rabbi Barney, what question would you like to ask him? Ask your small group what you think his answer might be.

The Tabernacle as described in Hebrews 9, was full of instruments and objects that served as symbols of Spiritual realities. Symbols are helpful to remind us of truths they represent. But, if not careful, we can become more attached to symbols than to the realities they represent.

One O.T. story illustrates how a symbol can get us in trouble. While leading the Israelites through the desert, Moses erected a bronze serpent for the people who were wandering from God to look upon when they were bitten by a snake. If they did so, they were spared from death (Numbers 21:4-9). Eight hundred years later, a Godly King 'did right in the sight of the Lord' and broke this bronze serpent into pieces, because "until those days the Israelites burned incense to it ..." (2 Kings 18:1-4). Let's be careful with our symbols!

What symbol(s) do you have that help remind you of Spiritual realities? What would be a sign for us that our symbols have become more than what the symbol is supposed to represent?

Quick Review:

Let's re-read Hebrews 9:1-28 which was the passage Barney taught on last Sunday. Looking back at your notes from last Sunday's teaching on this passage, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, confused you, encouraged you, or stretched your thinking?

Digging Deeper:

1. One of the insights that can be seen from the old sacrificial Tabernacle practices is the the seriousness of sin. As we look at sin, it is easy to conclude that some sins are serious and some 'smaller ones' are not as serious. C.S. Lewis has this to say in his book *The Screwtape Letters*, as to why we need to be careful to have this mindset. *"It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing ... Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one - the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts."*

How does Paul's "sin list" in his letters to the Galatians and Ephesians reinforce our need to be aware of falling into the trap of some sins having less effect on us than others?

Galatians 5:19-21
Ephesians 5:3-7

Looking back at these two passages, which sins do you think people typically forget are on the list?

Are there any that could more easily trip you up than others?

2. All too often we forget how amazing God's grace is that covers and cleanses all our sin and what it cost Jesus.

When Jesus died on the cross, he paid for our sins, making it possible for us to experience God's grace and forgiveness. While his grace and forgiveness are free, they are not cheap.

After reading the passages below, what stands out the most about what Jesus had to go through for us?

1 Peter 2:22-25
Isaiah 53:4-9

3. Remembering our need for forgiveness and God's gracious provision for it can help us become more understanding and generous in our forgiveness of others. Which of the following verses help you the most when it comes to thinking and treating others differently?

Colossians 2:13-14

Matthew 5:13-16

Matthew 7:1-3

4. In Hebrews 9:28, those who will be saved are those who are "eagerly waiting for Jesus' return".

What does it mean to "eagerly wait"?

A similar description is given by Paul in 2 Timothy 4:6-8. Paul describes those God will give a "crown of righteousness" to as those who "have loved his appearing" or "have longed for his appearing".

What can help us to live in light of Jesus' return?

What can detract us from living in light of Jesus' return?

How can we help each other as a small group avoid giving first class allegiance to second class causes?

Wrapping Up:

Looking back on the message from Sunday and from our discussion, what is one truth that stands out to you that you can prayerfully ask God to help apply to your life somehow?

Before we wrap up are sharing time, let's prayer for one another!

What are some specific requests we have that we can pray for?