DIRECT ACCESS TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Hebrews 9:1–24

From the shadow of the old system to the finished work of Christ

THE BIG IDEA

The old system pointed toward God but kept people at a distance.

Jesus entered the true sanctuary and, by His own blood, opened the way into God's presence.

1. THE OLD WAY — LIMITED ACCESS

- The tabernacle had an earthly Holy Place and Most Holy Place.
- Priests entered the Holy Place; only the High Priest entered the Most Holy Place.
- The High Priest entered only once a year—and not without blood.
- The veil showed that the way into God's presence was not yet open.
- Ritual could cleanse the outside, but could not cleanse the conscience.

2. JESUS — THE BETTER WAY

- Christ entered the greater, more perfect sanctuary—not made with human hands.
- He entered by means of His own blood, not the blood of animals.
- His sacrifice was offered once for all.
- He secured eternal redemption and an eternal inheritance.
- His blood purifies the conscience so we can serve the living God.

THE VEIL IS OPEN — CHRIST IS THE REALITY, NOT THE SHADOW

The temporary picture gives way to the permanent reality.

3. WHAT CHRIST'S SACRIFICE ACCOMPLISHED

- Forgiveness required the shedding of blood—and Jesus paid the price.
- Animal sacrifices could never take away sin.
- Jesus' sacrifice cleanses the conscience from dead works.
- He makes us perfect in Him and remembers our sins no more.
- His sacrifice is final: nothing remains to be done. It is finished!

4. OUR RESPONSE — DRAW NEAR

- Stop focusing on externals and empty ritual.
- Look beyond the shadows to the substance: Christ.
- Trust Jesus instead of trying to do it ourselves.
- Our High Priest is always in God's presence, interceding for us.
- Because He has opened the way, we can come boldly and confidently to God.

THE GOOD NEWS

"By one sacrifice He has made us perfect forever."

WE HAVE DIRECT ACCESS INTO GOD'S PRESENCE — THEREFORE, LET US DRAW NEAR!