
Journey Through the Bible- Week 7

3/15/26 - 3/21/26

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But only the high priest ever entered the Most Holy Place, and only once a year. And he always offered blood for his own sins and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. ⁸ By these regulations the Holy Spirit revealed that the entrance to the Most Holy Place was not freely open as long as the Tabernacle and the system it represented were still in use. ⁹ This is an illustration pointing to the present time. For the gifts and sacrifices that the priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them. ¹⁰ For that old system deals only with food and drink and various cleansing ceremonies—physical regulations that were in effect only until a better system could be established. ¹¹ So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. ¹² With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. ¹³ Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. ¹⁴ Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. ¹⁵ That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.

Hebrews 9:7-15 NLT

1. Where have you personally felt "far from God" (guilt, shame, failure, drift)? How does it change your view of God to see Him doing everything necessary to bring you back?
2. In what ways do you still act like you need to "pay for" your redemption (proving yourself, self-punishment, perfection, religious effort)? What would it look like to live this week like the payment is truly finished?
3. What's the difference between knowing Jesus died for sin and actually trusting Him with your sin and salvation? Where do you feel that tension most?
4. In what ways can we still "reject" Jesus—while believing in Him—through control, compromise, or keeping Him at the edges of our decisions? What's one area where you sense Jesus inviting surrender and deeper trust right now?

