

OLD COVENANT WORSHIPERS

HEBREWS 9:1-10

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: The temporary Old Covenant of over 1200 years had come to an end (**Hebrews 8:13**) for some of the following reasons:

JUDAISM HAD NO PERSONAL ACCESS TO GOD but only a representation in the High Priest. The symbolic tabernacle and its sacrifices were pictures of the sacrifice that Jesus made with his own blood. His merciful sacrifice made possible my forgiveness and access to God's presence. (**Hebrews 9:1-7, fn 9:6-8, Hebrews 10:19-22, fn 10:21, 22, Hebrews 4:14-16, fn 4:16, John 14:15-21, fn 14:15, 16, fn 14:18, Romans 6:5-10, fn 6:5ff, fn 6:8**) *How does Christ's blood make possible Jesus's presence in your life?*

JUDAISM GAVE NO CONFIDENCE OF COMPLETE FORGIVENESS. An animal that was sacrificed had no love for me or for the world that would cause it to voluntarily give its life so that I may live. With animal sacrifices offered before the cross, there was left in the heart a gnawing feeling of incomplete forgiveness; and in seeking a relationship with God, the Old Covenant worshiper kept sacrificing over and over. The ultimate, once for all, sacrifice of Jesus's blood satisfied God's holiness, making possible the complete forgiveness of sin and a personal relationship with Him. (**Hebrews 9:8, 9, Hebrews 10:1-3, fn 10:3, John 3:16, fn 3:16[1st], Hebrews 10:5-10, fn 10:5-10[1st], fn 10:5-10[2nd]**) *Are you experiencing our Lord's complete forgiveness without guilt? Explain.*

JUDAISM HAD ONLY EXTERNAL REGULATIONS. They could not reach God, and neither can you and I by keeping rules and external regulations or perfect attendance at a synagogue or church. I could not reach God by living under the law but now Christ in me fulfills the law and I am living under grace. (**Hebrews 9:10, fn 9:10, Matthew 15:8, 9, fn 15:8, 9, Colossians 2:16-23, fn 2:20-23[2nd], Hebrews 7:18, 19, fn 7:18, 19**) *Why do you think keeping rules and regulations as a way to God has an appearance of wisdom?*

As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God's majesty and glory?

