



In Hebrews 9, the author continues to use the example of the original tabernacle to teach us about the ministry of Jesus. We quickly learn that the ministry of Jesus is heavenly and that He is ministering in a heavenly temple. We also learn that the ministry of Jesus is effective against sin. The old sacrifices could only cover sin, not cleanse our sin. Jesus' blood had to be shed for the new covenant to be put in place which means it was a costly sacrifice. Because Jesus died, we can be assured that His ministry is final and complete. There is forgiveness of sin and an eternal hope to look forward to. Study these questions and look for these different themes in the text.

1. In the intro to the sermon we learned about George Muller, who was known as a man of faith. He ministered to orphans in England and served as a mediator for them. Share about a time when you helped someone. How did that person respond?
2. Read **Hebrews 9:11-13**. The author teaches us how the blood in the Old Testament was only able to cover sin (**Leviticus 17:11**) and not cleanse sin (**John 1:29**). Share how you have confidence that your sins are cleansed in Jesus name.
3. We learned that Jesus lived an unblemished, sinless life (**Hebrews 9:14**). Read **Isaiah 53:9**, **2 Corinthians 5:21**, **Hebrews 4:15**, and **1 John 3:5**. What do these verses teach us about the holiness of Jesus?
4. One role that Jesus fulfilled was mediator of the new covenant (**Hebrews 9:15**). The role of a mediator is to help two people in conflict find agreement. Who acted as a mediator between you and God when you trusted Jesus?
5. Read **Hebrews 9:16-22**. God requires the shedding of blood for the forgiveness of sins. Neal taught us about accepting forgiveness from God. Do you have a hard time feeling like you're forgiven? How can you live like a forgiven person?
6. Read **Hebrews 9:23-28**. Jesus came to do away with sin. The Bible teaches us that God forgives our sins. Read **Isaiah 43:25**, **Jeremiah 31:34**, and **Colossians 2:13-14**. How do these verses encourage you to boldly live for God?
7. Jesus' final appearance will be His return to earth to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him. Read **Luke 24:50-52**, **Acts 1:1-10**, and **Revelation 19:11-21**. What do these passages teach us about the return of Jesus?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for boldness to invite a friend to meet Jesus.