



4) THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE (HEBREWS 8-10)

WARM UP #1: Who's the most famous person you've ever met? (or been close to!)

WARM UP #2: What's the most amount of fame you've ever had?

READ HEBREWS 9:1-5

1. The Tabernacle was a very impressive setup: a Holy Place, with a lampstand, table and bread; and a *Most Holy Place*, with a golden altar of incense, a golden ark of the covenant, and the cherubim of the Glory above the ark. What does all this communicate about who God is and how he is to be worshipped?

2. What do you know about the contents of the ark... the jar of manna, Aaron's staff and the tablets? Look at Exodus 16:31-34, Numbers 17 and Deuteronomy 5 & 31:24-27 for more info. Why did God want these objects to be in the ark? What do they remind God's people of?

READ HEBREWS 9:6-10

3. These verses make it clear that Moses' tabernacle (the tabernacle of the old covenant) was only temporary and that it pointed towards an ultimate fulfilment still to come. That doesn't make it irrelevant for us though. What can we learn about God, humanity and sin from it?

READ HEBREWS 9:11-14

4. When we understand how the old tabernacle worked we gain a greater appreciation for what Jesus did! You could say, when it comes to history, us humans are playing checkers but God's playing chess. If someone said to you, "I don't get what the Old Testament has to do with the New Testament, it's like they're two different religions." How would you answer them?

5. Focus on verse 14. The writer is saying that the old tabernacle still led to "death" in that it was temporary and the sacrifices needed to be repeated over and over, whereas the new tabernacle of Jesus leads to a clear conscience and freedom to serve God. Is your conscience clear? Are you fully trusting in Jesus and his sacrifice, or are you trying to do other things to feel better about, or "make up for", your sin?

READ HEBREWS 9:15

This is God's desire for you... that you would "receive the promised eternal inheritance" and be set free from sin. Pray, for yourself and each other, that you would experience the joy of knowing you are forgiven, set free from sin and invited to serve the living God for all eternity!