

Why Jesus? A Better Ministry

Someone Better

Hebrews 9:1-15

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How is the ministry of Jesus better?

1. The tabernacle **pictured** redemption but it was only a picture (9.1-5)
 - a. Only one **entrance** – the door
 - b. Only by sacrifice – The altar
 - c. Only for the **cleansed**- The laver
 - d. Only one **source of light** – The Lampstand
 - e. Only one **sustenance** – The Table of showbread.
 - f. Only by intercession and praise – The altar of incense
 - g. Only by **invitation** – The Ark of the Covenant and mercy seat.
2. The priests **performed** their appointed duty but couldn't **perfect** (complete) it (9.5-10).
 - a. They had a **daily ministry**- always occupied; always standing - verse 6
 - b. They had **symbolic** ministry – they dealt with both defiant and ignorant sins. – verse 7 -8a
 - c. They had an **incomplete** ministry – no one was made perfect;
 - d. They had an **external** ministry – no one's **guilt** was ever removed.
3. The Lord Jesus **accomplished** redemption and that redemption is **eternal** (9.1-15)
 - a. He worked in the **true** tabernacle - verse 11
 - b. He offered the **ultimate** sacrifice – verse 12
 - c. He accomplished **effective** cleansing – verse 13-14
 - d. He canceled the **debt** of sin for all time – verse 15.
 - i. He made **final payment** for believing sinners before the cross! (Rom. 3.23-26)
 - ii. He made **future provision** for sinners who believe after the cross!