

## Hebrews 9:1-14 Sufficient, Part 1

**The word insufficient is a word that we don't like to hear!**

A) **Insufficient funds** – Embarrassing – Credit card denied {date

B) **Insufficient system resources**- Your computer can't handle a system you want to download!

C) **Insufficient weight** – As a kid some amusement parks – rides not only had a height requirement – but a Weight requirement – Always tall – skinny

D) I would love to hear someone say now – **Mr. Salvato** – **your weight is insufficient** – Hallelujah

E) Insufficient supply of blood flow to the brain or heart can be dangerous!

**That is what we have been discovering about the Old Covenant!**

A) **Insufficient flow of blood** – Animal blood! Couldn't really cleanse sin – remove sin – but it only covered sin.

B) That was the reason there was always a need for another Sacrifice!

C) But the **ONE SACRIFICE OF THE NC** – IS **TOTALLY SUFFICIENT!**

**Unwrap that a little further here in Hebrews Ch.9**

A) We left off in Ch.8 v.13 with the writer declaring that since the NC has been initiated, the OC has become Obsolete - Let's Read Why?

**RD V.1-14**

**B) Breakdown today:**

I. V.1-5 A description of Tabernacle worship!

II. V.6-10 Describes the Insufficiency of the Old Covenant system.

III. V. 11-14 The Sufficiency of the New Covenant.

IV. How tabernacle worship is a picture of the Christian life.

**I. V.1-5 A description of Tabernacle worship! {Brief looked @ before.**

A) Tab sat inside a courtyard surrounded by a linen fence – Only Hebrew men – allowed into the Courtyard – Altar – Sacrifice!

B) Beyond the Altar was the **Tab itself** - Tent covered in Badger skins

C) Two compartments: - Holy Place – Table of Showbread – Golden Candlestick – Altar of Incense

D) Veil - Beyond the Veil was The Holy of Holies – Ark of Cov – Mercy seat – Shekinah

### **Interesting side note:**

**A) I draw your attention to verse 4, where mention is made of a golden censer, or altar of incense.**

**B) According to Exodus, this altar of incense was in front of the veil.**

1) But here in verse 4, the author puts it behind the veil, in the same room as the ark of the covenant. Is the Bible contradicting itself?

### **C) Two explanations:**

1) One possibility and many scholars believe this to be the case is that the Altar of incense belonged to or was connected to the Veil

**D) The Altar of incense represents prayer – rising through the veil**

1) The language seems to support this – v.4 it says which had the golden Censor  
Had = it was connected to but still in the Holy place side – much scholarship supports that view.

**But there are others who suggest that somewhere in all the movements of the Tabernacle – the altar of Incense got moved – into the Holy of Holies**

**A) Somewhere along the way, someone put the altar where it wasn't supposed to be.**

**B) Which if that is the case – I think it is really cool – because God still worked – God still showed up —**

**C) Which is a great relief to me because in my heart, at my house, in this church, things get messed up.**

1) We mess up God's church – we mess up – his stuff - Furniture gets out of place—but God can handle it.

**D) Jesus redeems messed up situations – Jesus shows up in messed up families.**

**E) So in v.1-5 we are reminded of the OC Tab worship –system**

## **II. V.6-10 Describes the Insufficiency of the Old Covenant system.**

### **TWO PROBLEMS**

**A) Limited Access and limited Efficacy. {The ability to produce the desired or intended result.**

**B) 1<sup>st</sup> Limited Access - 6 Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. 7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance;**

**C) He speaks of how the priest would go into the first part of the Tab the HP always = daily – twice a day**

**D) But the 2<sup>nd</sup> part HH only once a Year & Only the High Priest V.8 *the HS indicating that the way into the HOLIEST OF ALL - or the Presence of God was not yet opened up!* NOT YET MANIFEST!**

E) So there was definitely **LIMITED ACCESS** under the OC

**2<sup>nd</sup> Limited Efficacy** : {The ability to produce the desired or intended result.

A)V.7 The only sins that were covered under the Blood of the atoning sacrifice were those done in Ignorance – or unintentionally.

B)Read thru the OT see there wasn't provision made for sins that were Pre-meditated or out right rebellion

C)Remember when David's sin with Bathsheba was exposed after he hid it for 9months -

David said in v.16 *For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.*

D)In other words, **“There's no sacrifice, no burnt offering I can give for my sin because my sin was intentional. I knew what I was doing.”**

1)But then, looking beyond the sacrificial system and prophetically to the Cross, David goes on to say,

***<sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.***

E)So the sacrifices of the OC were limited in their Efficacy because they only applied to sins done in ignorance.

They were also limited in their Efficacy because they could not make a person perfect or righteous in regards to the conscience. V.9,10

A)There was no Clearing of the Conscience – sins merely covered, not done away w/

B)The conscience is an incredible thing that the Lord gives

**Conscience** = being aware or awake to what is right & wrong!

At the Chang High Palace there in Thailand the King did something that was ingenious – in the Construction of the palace

A)There at the gates that led to the entrance of the palace – he built the walls out of **LOAD STONE** - which is naturally Magnetic

B)Now only a few people knew about this but what this did was anyone coming into the Palace – would be assassin – hidden knife or dagger

C)Move – naturally grab at it – guards were trained to watch – anyone who made a sudden – move – grabbing side – arrested & questioned

Well that is what the Conscience is – it is a tugging on the heart / it is that voice in our minds that grabs our attention

A) It has been placed there by the Lord & speaks to them specifically concerning right & wrong /truth & error

So **Romans Ch.2 Paul said** that we are w/out EXCUSE –

B)Your Conscience is working when you are aware of something **even when you wished** that you were not!!!!

**When I am running late – I am going 80mph on the FWY / Conscience is telling me I am in the wrong – slow down**

A)I am breaking the Law – Now I have to do something about that

B) **Do I rationalize –I am just keeping up w/ the flow of traffic / or catching up to flow in front of me**

1) **It is only wrong if You get caught** ( Laughing because done the same)

C) So Conscious is being Aware / Being Awake / Having a Conscience is being aware & Awake to what is right & wrong !!

1) God has built into every man a Conscience !!!!

D)The Conscience is placed there by the Lord – we have a choice, we can listen to it or ignore

Mark Twain “*The Conscience is like a hair in the mouth.*” – You need to deal with it.”

A)But not everyone deals with their conscience – in fact a lot of pp choose to ignore their conscience.

B)if we ignore our Conscience the Bible tells us that **3 things can happen to our Conscience**

1)In Titus 1:15 We are told that our **Conscience can become DEFILED**

C)The word defiled **speaks of a window** that doesn't get washed – consequently it gets dirtier & dirtier – film over it

C) Can't see out of it clearly any more – the sun's light doesn't penetrate thru it as brightly as it once did – the room – dimmer – {**slowly, don't realize it**

**That is what can happen to our conscience when we ignore it**

A)It becomes defiled – a film develops over our hearts – so that we don't **see things as clearly as we once did**

B)Things which at one time were Black & white are suddenly gray-

C) A DEFILED conscience eventually leads to the next description the Bible gives us / when a Conscience is ignored – **BECOMES SEARED**

**1 Timothy 4:2 SEARED or branded CONSCIENCE**  
– speaks of one that has moved to that place of being  
past seeing to PAST FEELING

A) When Your Conscience is seared – you don't even feel conviction about things that you once did / **The Film on the window – thick sheet of ice – pond**

B) Things that 10 yrs ago you would have said – **No way to** – are things that you are doing now – that you don't even think about – no big deal

1) **What Happened ?** Your Conscience has been seared !!!! Point of being past feeling – **NO CONVICTION AT ALL –**

**Hebrews 10:22 EVIL conscience – Poisoned / perverted**

A) Now doing things that are not just beyond what you would do – it is beyond what any normal person would do.

B) Perverted acts – Child molestation – Perversity is often the natural digression when a person is ignoring their conscience.

1) Anything goes – anything is fair game.

C) The problem of the OC was even when a person tried to deal with their sin Forgiven but there was nothing that **could cleanse the conscience.**

1) Still plagued.

**III. V. 11-14 The Sufficiency of the New Covenant.**

**11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**

A) 1<sup>st</sup> affect is there is now **Unlimited Access** into the HH or the Presence of God V.12 *He entered the Most Holy Place ONCE FOR ALL*

B) Ephesians 2:13 **But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**

C) When a Jewish person went to the temple to worship, he would bring a lamb to offer on the altar.

1) After careful examination by the priest, if the lamb was found to be without spot or blemish, the worshiper could worship confidently.

D) You see, the priest never inspected the person—only the lamb.

**Glorious!– here is why Satan will try to whisper in your ear, “You’re blemished. You’ve dropped the ball. You haven’t been a woman of prayer.**

**A) You haven't been a man of integrity. You can't worship. You can't talk to the Father. You can't be blessed."**

**B) But he's wrong. At the temple, the priests didn't inspect the worshiper. They inspected the lamb.**

1) The same is true of you and me. Jesus is the lamb! John the Baptist— declared **"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,"**

**C) And three days before His crucifixion, Jesus Himself was scrutinized as the scribes and Pharisees, Sadducees, and Greeks questioned His theology, His morality, and His integrity (Matthew 22).**

1) Pilate's declaration that **he found no fault in Jesus meant He passed even their inspection perfectly.**

**D) Therefore, we can come to the Father confidently and talk to Him freely based not upon our righteousness, but solely on the perfection of the Lamb.**

1) Jesus paved the way for there to be unlimited access to the Father – into the Holy of Holies. – He opened the door – ONCE – FOR ALL!!!!

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Unlimited Efficacy**

**A) There is even more, for the unlimited access is crowned with unlimited efficacy as Christ makes consciences clean.**

**B) To make this point, the author reiterates the limited nature of the old system: "The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean"**

**C) But the problem was they couldn't cleanse the conscience.**

**14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

## **The blood of Jesus –cleanses our conscience!**

**A) Cleanse = to clean but also to set free - Forgiven – forgotten – Brand new.**

**B) We need to forget - How ?**

**C) Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."**

**D) His strength not yours - Put on the full armor**

## **V.14 Belt of truth – breastplate of righteousness**

**A) Believing the truth – cleanses – forgiven and forgotten – walk in that**

**B) 1 John 1:7 “the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”**

1) Abortion, adultery, lying, drugs – **All Sin** -

C) You name it – Fill in the blank – All sin

D) Walk in that – Putting on the armor is reminding yourself daily of the truth –

**“You are righteous in Christ”**

**Free in Christ**

**IV. How tabernacle worship is a picture of the Christian life.**

A) Altar of sacrifice = Salvation – Happy saved –but there is more!

B) Holy Place = Service – Light the lamps – Light shine

1) Change the bread – teaching others

C) Altar of Incense – Prayer – Intercession – all great

**But there is more: Holy of Holies= Intimacy**

A) Intimacy with God – Welcome in His presence

B) Affects your outlook on everything else

C) Affects others' outlook of you. – Mary anoints Jesus **That fragrance filled the house – and Where ever Mary went she smelt like Jesus!**