

## Hebrews 8:13 – 9:12

New American Standard Bible 1995

1 <sup>13</sup> When He said, “A new *covenant*,” He has made the first  
2 obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing  
3 old is ready to disappear.

4 <sup>9</sup> Now even the first *covenant* had regulations of divine  
5 worship and the earthly sanctuary. <sup>2</sup> For there was a  
6 tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which *were* the  
7 lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called  
8 the holy place. <sup>3</sup> Behind the second veil there was a  
9 tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, <sup>4</sup> having a  
10 golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered  
11 on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding  
12 the manna, and Aaron’s rod which budded, and the tables  
13 of the covenant; <sup>5</sup> and above it *were* the cherubim of glory  
14 overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we  
15 cannot now speak in detail.

16 <sup>6</sup> Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests  
17 are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing  
18 the divine worship, <sup>7</sup> but into the second, only the high  
19 priest *enters* once a year, not without *taking* blood, which  
20 he offers for himself and for the sins of the people  
21 committed in ignorance. <sup>8</sup> The Holy Spirit *is* signifying  
22 this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been  
23 disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing,  
24 <sup>9</sup> which *is* a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both  
25 gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the  
26 worshiper perfect in conscience, <sup>10</sup> since they *relate* only  
27 to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the  
28 body imposed until a time of reformation.

29 <sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared *as* a high priest of the good  
30 things to come, *He entered* through the greater and more  
31 perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not  
32 of this creation; <sup>12</sup> and not through the blood of goats and  
33 calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy  
34 place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

**Read the passage through completely before looking at these questions.**

**Observation (What does it say?):**

Consider the observation questions on the back of this page. What do you notice in this passage?

- Underline physical objects.
- Circle persons.
- Mark an **X** over things the writer denies or rejects, i.e., the word “not.”
- What else do you observe in this passage?

**Interpretation (What does it mean?):**

After observing the passage:

- Why describe the earthly sanctuary?
  - For the Hebrews?
  - For Gentiles (us)?
- How do the “nots” relate to obsolescence of the old covenant
- How do you understand the “symbol for the present time” (v.8-9)?
- What questions come to mind as you read?

**Application (What does it mean for me?):**

- How does Christ’s work relate to the obsolete covenant?
- How does the detailed information affect your thinking and appreciation of Christ’s work?

**For additional thought and discussion:**

For more suggested methods of study: <http://www.goodnotsafe.com/methodical-bible-study/>

For examples of inductive studies: <http://www.goodnotsafe.com/inductive-bible-study-examples-2/>

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## Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

### **Observation** (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose ("in order that...")?
- Are there conclusions ("Therefore...")?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good "headline" for the passage?

### **Interpretation** (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

### **Application** (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them.  
J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)**

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For a much more detailed description of the methodology, see

Robert A. Traina, *Methodical Bible Study*. Wilmore, Kentucky: Asbury Theological Seminary, 1952.

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