CHAPTER

9

IX

Blood and the Most Holy Place

Hebrews 9:1–28 · 28 verses · Song: “Behind the Curtain”

The picture: The high priest entering the Most Holy Place with a bowl of blood before the ark, once a year; the cherubim above the mercy seat.



PICTURE WORD

Blood

THE CHAPTER IN BRIEF

The high priest went in once a year with blood. Christ went into heaven once for all with his own blood.

Remember it: NINE: nine holds a drop at the top, like a drop of blood.

MEMORY VERSE

How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our conscience from dead works so that we may serve the living God!

Hebrews 9:14 · the author’s translation

GREEK WORD

αἵματος

“blood” · verse 12

In Hebrews: 21 times, in 6 chapters

Chapter 9 says it again and again: no entry without blood (9:7), no covenant without blood (9:18), no forgiveness without the shedding of blood (9:22). The difference is whose blood: not goats and calves, but “his own blood” (9:12), offered once for all, which cleanses the conscience.

HOW THE CHAPTER MOVES

1–5	The tent and its furniture: the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place.
6–10	Once a year, with blood: the way in was not yet open.
11–14	Christ entered once for all by his own blood.
15–22	A new covenant put into effect with blood.
23–28	Into heaven itself, once for all; he will appear a second time.

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

v. 20 ← Exod 24:8 “This is the blood of the covenant.”

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Hebrews 9 sung in the **Hebrews by Heart** app, or free at **ispress.de/hebrews/songs/9**.

The song: “Behind the Curtain.” Left out of the song: 9:23, 9:28 (partly). Read those verses in your Bible.

The tabernacle · Once a year with blood · Once for all by his own blood · A cleansed conscience

FILL IN THE BLANKS

The high priest went in once a _____ with _____. Christ went into _____ once for all with his own blood.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. How often did the high priest go into the second room?

- (A) Every day
- (B) Once a week
- (C) Only once a year
- (D) Never

2. By what blood did Christ enter the Most Holy Place?

- (A) The blood of goats and calves
- (B) His own blood
- (C) The blood of a heifer
- (D) No blood at all

3. Why will Christ appear a second time?

- (A) To deal with sin again
- (B) To offer himself again
- (C) To bring salvation to those eagerly waiting for him
- (D) To build a new tent

TALK IT OVER

1. Why do you think God made the way into his presence so hard under the first covenant?

2. Verse 14 says Christ's blood cleanses "our conscience." What does a cleansed conscience feel like?

3. How should Christ's second appearing shape the way we wait?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES HEBREWS 9 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say 9:14 by heart
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: year · heaven · blood · Check yourself: 1. C (v. 7) · 2. B (v. 12) · 3. C (v. 28)