

Hebrews 9:9-10 (NLT)

[9] This is an illustration pointing to the present time. For the gifts and sacrifices that the priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them. [10] For that old system deals only with food and drink and various cleansing ceremonies - physical regulations that were in effect only until a better system could be established.

Hebrews 9:11-12 (NLT)

[11] So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. [12] With his own blood - not the blood of goats and calves - he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.

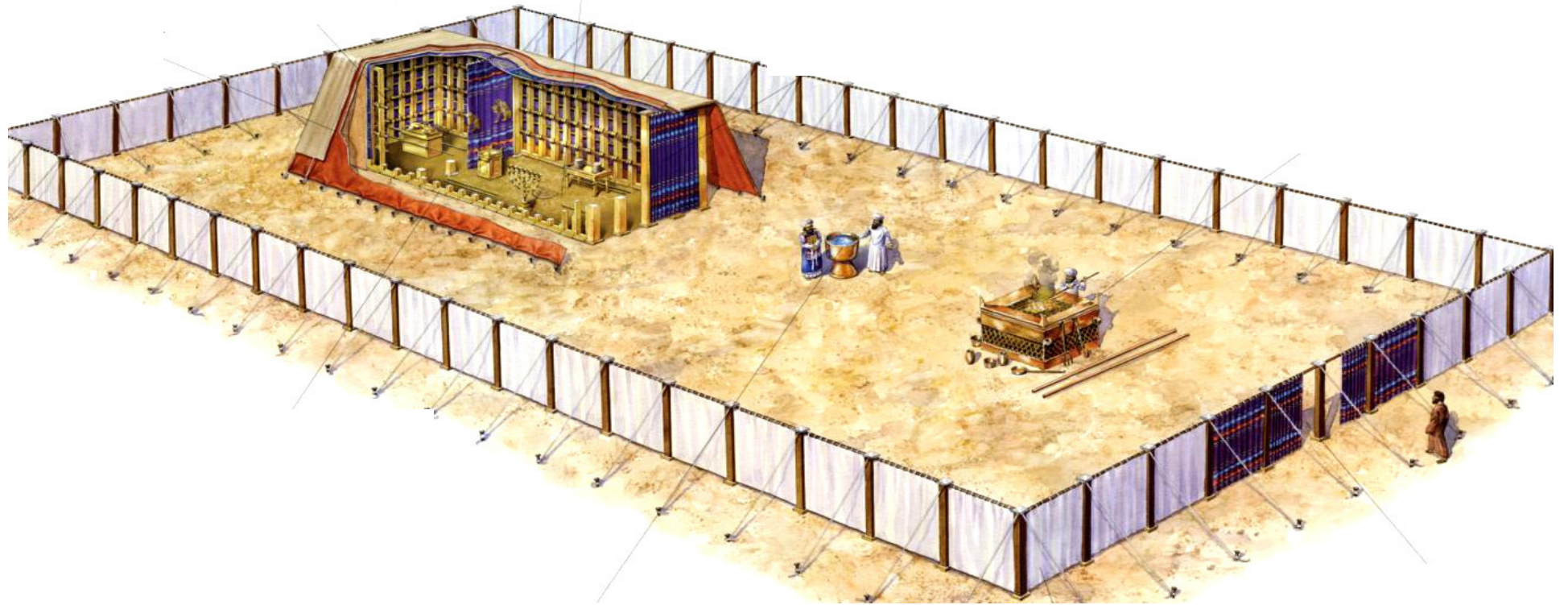
Hebrews 9:13-14 (NLT)

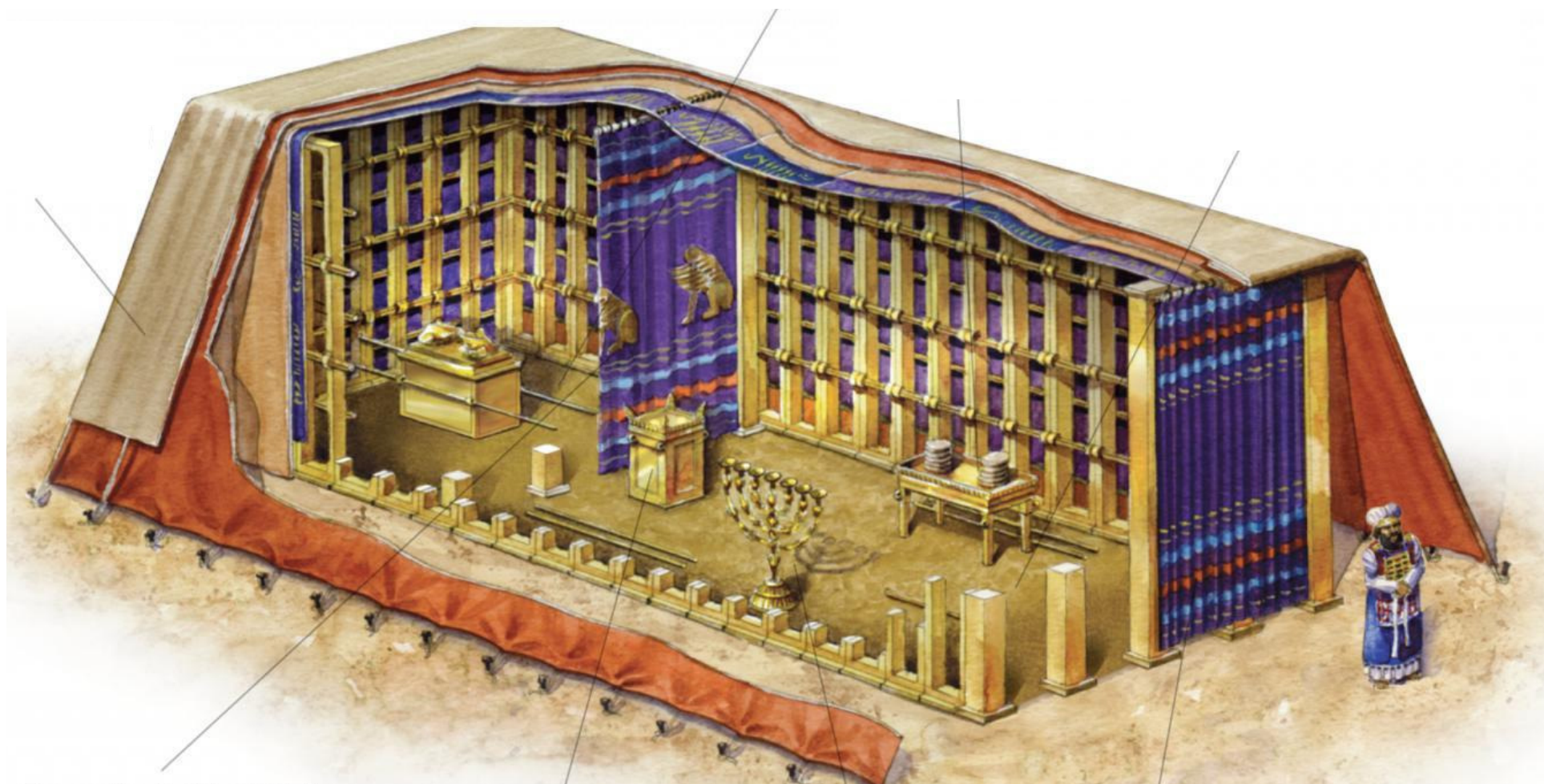
[13] Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. [14] Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

A CLEANSSED CONSCIENCE

Hebrews 9:1-14







The Sanctuary of the Old Covenant was Inferior Because it was...

- an **EARTHLY** sanctuary
- only a **SHADOW** of something Greater
- **INACCESSIBLE** to ordinary people
- **TEMPORARY**
- focused on the **EXTERNAL** *NOT*
the **INTERNAL**

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV)

For you know that it was **NOT** with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were

REDEEMED from the empty way of life

handed down to you from your forefathers, [19] but with the **precious**

BLOOD of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

By the Blood of Jesus we...

- have our consciences **CLEANSED**
- are freed from Sting of **DEATH**
- are freed from the **POWER** of **SIN**

Numbers 15:30-31 (NIV)

But anyone who **sins DEFIANTLY**, whether native-born or alien, blasphemes the Lord, and that person must be cut off from his people. [31] Because **he has despised the Lord's word and broken his commands**, that person must surely be cut off; **his GUILT remains on him.**

Psalms 51:1-4 (NIV)

Have **MERCY** on me, O God, according to your **unfailing love**; according to your **great compassion blot out MY**

transgressions. [2] **Wash away** all **MY iniquity** and **cleanse me** from **MY sin.** [3]

For I know **MY transgressions**, and **MY sin** is always before me. [4] Against you, you only, have **I sinned** and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Psalms 51:10-12 (NIV)

Create in me a **pure HEART**, O God,
and renew a **STEADFAST spirit**
within me. [11] **Do not cast me**
from your presence or **take your**
Holy Spirit from me. [12] **Restore**
to me the JOY of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to
sustain me.

Psalms 51:16-17 (NIV)

You do NOT delight in sacrifice,
or I would bring it; **you do NOT**
take pleasure in burnt offerings.

[17] The sacrifices of God are a
broken spirit; a broken and
contrite heart, O God, you will
not despise.

1 John 1:7-9 (NIV)

But if we **walk in the light**, as he is in **the light**, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.** [8] If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. [9] **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

[11] For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. [12] It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, [13] while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, [14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Questions

1. What is so Great about a Clean conscience?
2. How can we make sure we have a Clean Conscience?
3. Why is it important that we remember Service and Worship are so closely related as words?