

Why Religious Works Don't Work

Study Questions

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. There is a saying "Insanity is doing the same things and expecting different results." Would you agree or disagree with this saying?
3. What might have been some of reasons these Jewish believers were tempted to returning to practicing the Old Covenant?
4. God's instructions on the regulations for worship and for the building of the tabernacle were very precise. What can that teach us about our relationship with God?
5. The materials for the tabernacle and all of the implements were plunder taken from the Egyptians. What insight might that provide to how God will work in our lives?
6. We can elevate certain people and positions in the church today. Yet, we see the God gives each persons talents and abilities to serve Him. What lessons can we learn from Exodus 31:2-5?
7. Pastor briefly explained the different pieces of furniture in the two rooms of the Tabernacle. Was there one that stood out to you?
8. We have free access to God today through Jesus. It is easy to take that access for granted. How should this passage influence our understanding of God?
9. Compare the differences between worship in the Old Testament and today. What are some aspects of Grace based worship that you appreciate?

Digging Deeper

10. Take a moment each day to prayerfully consider how you might make a difference for Jesus this week.

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"According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper,"
Hebrews 9:9 ESV

I. My _____ to Be Known By God

"In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away."
Hebrews 8:13 ESV

"Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness."
Hebrews 9:1 ESV

"For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place."
Hebrews 9:2 ESV

"And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty, but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and any woman who lives in her house, for silver and gold jewelry, and for clothing. You shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians."
Exodus 3:21-22 ESV

"See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft."
Exodus 31:2-5 ESV

“Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place,”
Hebrews 9:3 ESV

“having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron’s staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant.”
Hebrews 9:4 ESV

“Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.”
Hebrews 9:5 ESV

“These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties,”
Hebrews 9:6 ESV

“but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.”
Hebrews 9:7 ESV

“And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil and put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die.”
Leviticus 16:12–13 ESV

“By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing”
Hebrews 9:8 ESV

“(which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.”
Hebrews 9:9-10 ESV

God’s _____ Has Not Changed

All _____ Can Be Forgiven

I Have _____ 24 Hours a Day

God will Make You _____