

# AN ALL ACCESS PASS TO GOD

Hebrews 8:7-9:14

## BIG IDEA

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The infinite value of Jesus secured unlimited access to God... Jesus has paid it all!

## SUMMARY

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We need something outside our own credentials to get us access to God. The Old covenant had divinely appointed faults: 1) Who got access was limited (9:6), 2) Sacrifices were limited to certain times (9:7), 3) Covenant was conditional (9:7b), 4) Couldn't cleanse the conscience (9:9). The Old covenant was a perfectly faulted pointer of a covenant that we really needed. Jesus initiated the new covenant that made perfect the old covenant. Jesus paid for everything permanently and gave us an all-access pass to God's presence. The Old Covenant was conditional on behavior. The New Covenant is *not* conditional on behavior, but on the work of Christ on the cross and our belief and repentance. The implications for those who enter into the New Covenant are huge! We have full access to the presence of God because of Christ.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What does it mean that the old covenant is not "faultless"? What does this reality show you about God's plan of salvation?
2. Prior to the perfect high priesthood of Christ, only the Levitical priests could draw near to God—and then only once a year with trembling. How should the reality of our blood-bought nearness to God impact the way we think about our sin? About our suffering?
3. Sometimes, even as believers whose sins have been forgiven, we can continue to live under the weight of a guilty conscience for our past or ongoing failures. What sin weighs heavy on your conscience even though you know it is forgiven? How is a guilty conscience keeping you from serving the living God?
4. Christians are sometimes tempted to "make up" for sin by *doing* something (reading the Bible more, evangelizing more, etc.). Can you relate to that tendency? How does this passage speak to those moments?

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