

## *Contrasting Covenants*

Hebrews 9:1-14

Those that set God always before them and walk before him with all their hearts, shall find him as good as his word and better; he will both keep covenant with them and show mercy to them.

-Matthew Henry

### I. A Passing Covenant

## II. A Permanent Covenant

### ***Into the Bible***

Why did God so carefully and thoroughly lay out the details for the construction of the tabernacle, spending whole chapters in Exodus and Leviticus describing everything from the decorations on the robes of the priests to the amounts of oil and flour for sacrifices? Is worship something that is meant to meet our needs or God's desire?

In both the tabernacle and the temple there was a heavy curtain (the veil) that separated off the holy of holies from the rest of the sacred space restricting access. All three synoptic gospels (Matthew 27:51, Mark 15:38, and Luke 23:45) record the tearing of this veil from top to bottom at the moment of Christ's death. How does this symbolically relate to Jesus' claim about himself in John 14:6 and what the author describes in Hebrews 9:11-12?

## ***Application***

Jesus frequently accused the Pharisees of worshipping externally but not internally making their “worship” unacceptable (Matthew 15:7-9, Matthew 23:23). Under the New Covenant what must change in the way we come to worship God? (John 4:23-24, Romans 12:1, James 1:27)

## ***For Families***

Talk with your children about what a blessing it is to be able to boldly approach God directly without fear.