The Deeper Things God's Love Unlocks Series

Part 2

"A Symbol for the Present Time"

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Hebrews 9:1-14

- **1** Now even the first covenant had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary.
- **2** For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place.
- **3** Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies,
- **4** having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant;
- **5** and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.
- 6 Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the divine worship, 7 but into the second, only the high priest enters once a year, not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.
- **8** The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been *made clear* while the outer tabernacle is still standing,
- **9** which is a symbol for the present time. According *to which* both gifts and sacrifices are offered *though being unable to* make the worshiper perfect *with regard to* conscience,
- 10 since they relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.
- **11** But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the *coming* good *things*, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;
- 12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.
- 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,
- **14** how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
 - A symbol (parable) for the present time
 - The way to the Holiest
 - The ark of the covenant
 - What it says to us in the present time
