

Sermon Notes

Entering the Presence of the Living God

Hebrews 9:1-14

Intro: How can we enter the holy presence of the living God?

1. The old covenant had the best, God-designated holy place, holy priests and holy rituals ever seen on earth... 1-7

- a) The golden, glorious, God-given **special place**...
- b) The chosen, set apart, God-given **special people**...
- c) The careful, regular, God-given **special processes**...

...but the door to God's presence was hardly ever open!!

2. Because God was teaching two stark truths:

- a) that **God's presence** was not truly open to people (8-9)
- b) that **guilty consciences** were not truly dealt with (9-10)

3. But then Jesus, the greater, new covenant priest came!!! (11)

- So now **God's presence is permanently open** to his people (12)
- So now **guilty consciences are fully purified** to serve God (13-14)

Conclusion:

10:19 We can have confidence to enter, any moment of any day