

For the Week Beginning May 10, 2026

## “The Real Thing”

### ✦ Hebrews 9:23-26

<sup>23</sup>It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. <sup>24</sup>For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence.

<sup>25</sup>Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. <sup>26</sup>Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

**Write down 5 significant observations. Raise 2 significant questions and try to answer them.**

Observations	Interpretation (Questions)	Applications

#### ✦ Opening Question:

- Is there something in your life that you only had to do once — a decision, an event, a conversation — but its effects have lasted for years or even a lifetime? What was it, and why did it only need to happen once?

#### ✦ The Living Word: Please read our text for this week.

- Highlight words or phrases that stand out to you.
- Please narrate using your own words.

#### Verse 23

**1. According to verse 23, it was necessary for the earthly tabernacle and its objects to be purified with animal sacrifices. Why was it necessary?** (see verses 18-22)

#### Verse 24

**2. In verse 24, where does Christ enter after His sacrifice, and how is this different from the Levitical high priest?**

What does it mean that Christ “*entered heaven itself*”?

How significant is the statement that Christ “*now appears in God’s presence for us*”?

#### Verse 25

**3. How is Christ’s offering contrasted with the repeated sacrifices of the high priest on the Day of Atonement?**

What does the repetition of sacrifices reveal about their effectiveness?

Why do you think the author emphasizes “*with blood that is not his own*”?

#### Verse 26

**4. Why is Christ’s “once for all” sacrifice sufficient?** Why would repeated sacrifice be necessary if Christ’s work were incomplete?

**5. Please comment on the significance of these phrases:**

“*at the end of the ages*”; “*to do away with sin*”; “*by the sacrifices of himself*”.

#### ✦ Living the Word/Application:

- What difference does it make in our worship and prayer that Christ is now in God’s presence on our behalf?
- In what ways do you sometimes act as though Christ’s work were incomplete?