"The Outer Tabernacle is ... a Symbol"

**Intro:** As this letter reveals, after having heard of Jesus many Hebrews were tempted to deny Him, thinking they should _______ _______ giving themselves to the Old Covenantal System.

A. The Author carefully shows the error of such thinking by teaching of the Supremacy of _______ Christ over and above all things and here, especially, above all the things of the Old which He ________.

B. As we prepare to read the Word let us consider this comment made by A.W. Pink concerning our text of study, "Here is doctrinally removed the 'veil' from off the Mosaic institutions. Here the Spirit makes known the nature and purpose of the '____ covenant.' Here He declares the significance and temporal efficacy of all institutions and ordinances of Israel's worship. Here He announces that the Levitical rites and ceremonies made a ______________ of heavenly things, but insists that those heavenly things could not themselves be introduced and established without the removal of what had adumbrated (slightly represented or shadowed) them. Here He shows that the glory of God shines in the face __ ________ Christ."

Heb 9:6-10
6 Now when these things have been thus 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 disclosed, while the outer tabernacle is still standing, 9 which is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience, 10 since they relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.

I. Here the Author begins to speak of the __________ of the priestly ministry ___ ______.

A. The ministry of the priests of Old was ______________ insomuch that it had to be offered repeatedly and never redeemed a single individual, and temporal insomuch that it came ___ ___ ______.

B. In two ways the Levitical priests were granted very limited access to the presence of God. They could ______ enter in as far as the Holy Place never coming into the full presence of God; and they were only granted temporal access for a very _________ time.

C. Only the high priest could enter beyond the veil into the Holy of Holies. ____ others were ______________ under pain of death.

   1. Before he could make sacrifice on behalf of the people he would have to make sacrifice for ____ ______ _____.

   2. Then the __________ priest made sacrifice on behalf of the other sinners.

II. Through the tabernacle of Old and its priestly ministry the Holy Spirit is signifying that:

A. Through them the ____ into the holy place has ____ yet been disclosed (____________).
B. The tabernacle of Old, its priestly ministry, and its types, shadows and ceremonies were meant to be a ____________ ___ what was to come and has come in ____________.

C. ____________ can the gifts and sacrifices of Old make the worshiper perfect in conscience, so that he can approach God. Neither gifts nor sacrifices, nor the adhering to regulations regarding food, drink or various washings open ______ _______ to God.

D. All these things of Old, the regulations of the tabernacle, the ministry of the Levitical priesthood, the gifts and sacrifices, the ordinances for eating and drinking and washing were but regulations ____________ until a time of reformation. They were set by God ______ __ ________ He determined, until He would bring about the reformation.

1. Beloved, by the perfect will of God the ______ of the reformation ______ ________ in Christ Jesus, and so has God made the Old obsolete fulfilling its shadows, types, symbols, tabernacle, ceremony and priesthood in Jesus, who is the Christ.

Closing: Dear family, “The Outer Tabernacle is ... a Symbol” ordained by God to show us our ________, to indicate that the Messiah would come, and to show us that in Christ He has ________ our every need. In Jesus we do not have a foreshadow of redemption, but true redemption.

Beloved, under the Old System there was a ______ that separated unholy us from the Holy God and in our hearts that veil is sin. But there was a day of reformation and so does the Scripture say, Mark 15:37-38, “And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last. 38 And the veil of the temple was ________ in two from top to bottom.” In Christ Jesus access to God is opened. And if we will confess our sins repenting of them, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, removing them as far as the east is from the west. And so, dear church, as we come to _________ He cleanses our conscious and __________ us with personal access to God, and can come boldly to the throne of grace.

“Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away the stain:

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb
Takes all our sins away,
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.” (Isaac Watts)

The outer tabernacle and its priestly ministry was a symbol of Christ _________, who is the reality. Will you ________ in Him?

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