

## Sample Response for Hebrews 9 | Mary Hannah and Savannah Gresham

### STRUCTURE

#### *From Mary:*

#### **9:1–28 Lesser to Greater: Of Tent and Sacrifice**

#### **9:1–10 First Covenant: Tent and Sacrifices**

vv. 1–5 Tent: Regulations for worship

vv. 6–10 Sacrifices: Regular priestly sacrifices in Most Holy Place that cannot perfect worshiper's conscience

#### **9:11–28 New Covenant: More Perfect Tent and More Effective Sacrifice**

vv. 11–14 Effect: Christ's self-offering in greater tent secures eternal redemption involving his blood effectively purifying believers' conscience

vv. 15–22 Inauguration: Christ mediates new covenant through his atoning death

vv. 23–28 Place, Finality, and Future: Christ appears in heaven to sacrifice himself once for all to bear sins & will appear again to save those waiting for him

#### *From Savannah:*

1. The pastor details some of the old covenant's rituals and regulations to show that, by God's own design, the old covenant is inherently insufficient to deal with sin. (vv. 1-10)
2. The pastor then shows the superiority of the new covenant Christ mediates by highlighting Christ as our better high priest who offered himself as a better sacrifice. (vv. 11-15, 23-28)
3. After displaying the insufficiency of the old covenant sacrifices to deal with sin, the pastor explains why they were still necessary, thus exalting God's justice and consistency in his dealings with sin. (vv. 18-22)
4. The pastor provides further proof of the new covenant's superiority on the basis of Christ, our better sacrifice and better high priest, interceding on our behalf in a better *place*. (vv. 11-12, 24)

### UNIFYING THEME

*From Savannah:* The new covenant that Christ mediates is superior to the old and sufficient to deal with sin because Christ shed his own blood to purify once and for all the consciences of sinners before entering heaven, where he serves as great high priest on behalf of those who eagerly await his return.

### AUTHOR'S AIM

*From Savannah:* The pastor aims to exalt Christ and the new covenant He mediates in order to exhort his hearers to maintain their original confidence in their Savior Priest who intercedes for them before the Father in heaven and will one day return to save them.