

A Change is Coming!

Hebrews 9:1-28

LG Questions for 05/25/08

Getting Started

- 1) **Life-Changing Events.** Many people have had, at least once in their lives, an event that made a lasting impact on them—e.g., a major illness, birth of a child, a sudden promotion, a near-death experience, a religious conversion. Share one such event from your life and tell how and why it changed you.

Getting into the Bible

- 2) **Read Hebrews 9:1-10.** This passage describes a great change that was about to take place—the greatest religious system known to man (Judaism) was about to be replaced by something even better. What features made it great, and why did the worshipers find it hard to let these things go? What, according to verse 9, was the reason this system had to be replaced?
- 3) **Read Hebrews 9:11-12 and 23-26.** In times past, the closest man could get to God was His tabernacle on earth. How has Jesus changed this and given us access to a greater sanctuary? Where is this new sanctuary and how are we able to enter it? See Hebrews 4:16 and Ephesians 2:4-8 for help. How should this affect your prayer life and your view of the future?
- 4) **Read Hebrews 9:12-14 and 19-26.** Moses sprinkled the furniture and priests who served in the first Tabernacle with blood. Why? What did innocent blood do to the things it touched? (v. 22) How and why is the cleaning Jesus offers better? Name a few great sins from which He has cleansed your conscience.

Getting Personal and Practical

- 5) **Read Hebrews 9:15-18 and 25-28.** How does verse 27 correct fallacies about death (like reincarnation) that are so rampant in our culture? Verse 15 likens the new covenant to a last will and testament of which Jesus is both the benefactor and executor. What inheritance has His death made available to us? Based on what verse 28, are you one of the heirs? How can you tell? What are you anticipating most about this inheritance?