

THE WAY TO GOD

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⁷But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. ⁸The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning.

— Hebrews 9:7-8 (NIV)



EVERY NATION
SINGAPORE



PRAY

- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Ask God to help you see His holiness and understand your need for Him.



MEDITATE

Engage

Start the conversation with this question...

What is one rule or standard you have to follow that you sometimes find difficult?

Key Points

Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- We all have standards, but God's standard is holiness. Hebrews 9 shows why we cannot come into His presence on our own and why we need God to make a way.
- **God's presence requires holiness.** The tabernacle showed Israel that God was holy and that entering His presence was not something to take lightly. Only the high priest could enter the Most Holy Place, and only once a year.
- **Sin separates us from God.** The curtain is a picture of the barrier between people and our holy God because our sin separates us from Him. We can't remove that separation with our own efforts.
- **External actions cannot change our hearts.** Sacrifices and ceremonies of the old covenant could not fully cleanse us or remove the guilt of sin. We need God to cleanse us from within.
- Hebrews points to our need for something greater. We cannot make our own way to God—we need **Jesus, the Way to God.**

Discuss Together *(pick at least one)*

- When you know you've done something wrong, what do you usually do to make yourself feel better or make things right?
- Hebrews says the old rituals could not completely clear a person's conscience. What are some ways people today try to deal with guilt on their own?
- Are there any spiritual habits that have started to feel routine? What can you do this week to engage with God more intentionally through them?
- How do you usually recognize when something in your life is not right with God? What helps you respond when He shows you something needs to change?



PROCLAIM

Declare this truth based on your identity in Christ

Key Truth

In Christ, I have the way to God that I could never make on my own.

Pray Together *(pick at least one)*

- Thank God for His holiness and for making a way for us to know Him.
- Ask Him to help us trust Him instead of relying on our own efforts.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests.

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⁹This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper.

¹⁰They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

— Hebrews 9:9-10 (NIV)