

Hebrews 9:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

Analysis

Moses 'sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.' Even worship implements required blood purification, demonstrating the pervasiveness of sin's defilement. Nothing defiled can approach holy God. This thoroughness points to Christ's blood that 'purifies all things' (9:22), comprehensively dealing with sin's contamination. The entire worship system needed cleansing before it could function.

Historical Context

Exodus 40 describes the tabernacle dedication. The principle is clear: everything connected to approaching God must be purified by blood, teaching that sin affects all and blood atonement is necessary for any access to God.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What does the need to purify even worship tools with blood teach about sin's pervasive effects?
2. How does Christ's blood provide the comprehensive cleansing necessary for worship and service?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	τὴν	σκηνὴν	δὲ	καὶ	πάντα	τὰ	σκεύη	τῆς
and	G3588	the tabernacle	Moreover	and	all	G3588	the vessels	G3588
G2532		G4633	G1161	G2532	G3956		G4632	
λειτουργίας	τῷ	αἷματι	όμοίως	ἐρράντισεν				
of the ministry	G3588	with blood	G3668	he sprinkled				
G3009		G129		G4472				

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 8:19 (Blood): And he killed it; and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

Leviticus 8:15 (Blood): And he slew it; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it.

Exodus 29:36 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it.

Exodus 29:12 (Blood): And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar.

Leviticus 9:18 (Blood): He slew also the bullock and the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings, which was for the people: and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar round about,

