Holy Spirit in Hebrews 9

In Hebrews 9, in reference to the Holy Spirit, revealing these things, I'm curious as to the articulation in the language being translated from Greek to English is the Holy Spirit reference as now revealing to the Hebrews author, and everyone who reads the letter to the Hebrews or is this a direct reference that now image bearers can enter into the most holy place With the blood of Jesus and the carrying and or access is the Holy Spirit I'm having a hard time in my King James version understanding, especially doing the strong studies on what exactly the Hebrews author is saying about the Holy Spirit in the context of this verse

Yes — great question, and you're not crazy for feeling the "tangle" in KJV here. Hebrews **9:8** is doing **two things at once**:

1. describing what the **old tabernacle arrangement was communicating**, and
2. declaring what the **Holy Spirit is now making clear** in light of Christ.

Let's lock in the exact KJV wording first:

Hebrews 9:8 (KJV)
"**The Holy Ghost this signifying**, that **the way into the holiest of all** was **not yet made manifest**, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:"

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1) Who is the Holy Spirit speaking to here?

In the grammar, **"The Holy Ghost"** is the **active subject**:

- **"The Holy Ghost this signifying…"** = *The Spirit is indicating / making a point by means of this whole tabernacle system.*

So the Spirit is not only "talking to the author privately," but is **testifying through the Scripture/structure itself**.

Key Strong's / Greek idea

- "signifying" = **δηλόω (dēloō)** = *to make clear, to show, to indicate, to reveal.*

So the sense is:

✅ **The Holy Spirit is communicating a meaning** through the tabernacle pattern.

This is **public revelation**, not merely "the author got a private insight."

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2) What exactly is "this" that the Spirit is signifying?

"This" points backward to **Hebrews 9:1–7**, especially **9:7**:

- the priests serve daily in the first part
- but **only the high priest** enters the **Most Holy Place**, and only **once per year**, and only **with blood**

That whole setup is the "sign" / message.

So:

✅ The Spirit is interpreting the **layout + restrictions** as a divine message.

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3) What does "the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest" mean?

This is the heart of your question.

"Not yet made manifest"

KJV phrase = "not yet made manifest"
Greek idea = **φανερόω (phaneroō)** = *made visible, opened up, plainly revealed/accessible.*

So it isn't merely "people didn't understand it yet" — it's also:

✅ the access itself was **not yet opened as a real covenant reality**.

Because under the old covenant, **the barrier was structural**:

- veil still stands
- the Most Holy is restricted
- conscience not perfected (see 9:9–10)

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4) Is Hebrews 9:8 saying "NOW believers can enter"?

Indirectly yes, but Hebrews 9:8 is mainly saying:

✅ **Back then, it was not yet open.**
The old system was a Spirit-given indicator that *access was still blocked*.

The explicit "NOW we can enter" comes a little later when Hebrews applies it:

Hebrews 10:19–20 (KJV)

“Having therefore, brethren, **boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus**,
By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, **through the veil**, that is to say, his flesh;”

So the flow is:

- **Heb 9:8** = the Spirit says “access is not yet open” under the first tabernacle arrangement
- **Heb 10:19–20** = now, by Jesus’ blood, **access is open**

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5) Is the Holy Spirit the “carrier” / “access mechanism” into the Most Holy Place?

This is subtle, but important.

Hebrews does **not** phrase it like:

- “You enter the holiest *by the Holy Spirit*”

Hebrews phrases it like:

- You enter **by the blood of Jesus** (10:19)
- by a **new and living way**
- through the **veil (his flesh)**

However…

✅ The Holy Spirit *is absolutely involved* in applying this access to believers, and Hebrews explicitly connects the Spirit to the “new covenant access” reality.

Hebrews 10:15–17 (KJV)

“Whereof **the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us**…”

So in Hebrews:

- **Blood of Jesus** = the legal / covenant basis of access
- **Holy Spirit** = the witness/guarantee/validation that this new covenant access is real and operative now

So your instinct is **right**, but Hebrews words it as:

Christ’s blood opens the way
The Spirit testifies that the way is truly opened

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6) So is Hebrews 9:8 “to the author only” or “to all readers”?

Both — but primarily universal.

Meaning:

- the author is **writing under that Spirit-given understanding**
- but the Spirit is also **speaking through the tabernacle Scripture itself**
- therefore this is meant for the Hebrews audience **and for every reader of Hebrews**

✅ The point is not: “God told me something”
✅ The point is: “The tabernacle itself was always preaching a message — and the Spirit is the one who embedded that message.”

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7) Plain-English paraphrase of Hebrews 9:8 (faithful to the meaning)

Here’s the simplest “clean” translation idea:

The Holy Spirit was indicating by the tabernacle arrangement that full access into God’s Most Holy presence was not yet opened, as long as the old covenant system was still standing and functioning.

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8) The “peg” you can keep (simple model)

Tabernacle = Spirit-designed sign-system

- **Outer / Holy Place access** = limited nearness
- **Most Holy access blocked** = separation remains
- **Only high priest, once yearly, with blood** = access is not yet shared with the people
- **Christ comes** = the “not yet” becomes **NOW**
- **Spirit testifies** = the meaning is confirmed and unveiled

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If you want, I can do the **Strong’s breakdown** of the main phrase word-by-word:

- “The Holy Ghost”
- “this signifying”
- “the way”
- “into the holiest”

- “not yet made manifest”
- “while … standing”

…and then tie it into **Hebrews 10:19–22** where the author cashes out the meaning into “let us draw near.”