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Jesus and His Better Sanctuary • Part 1

Lesson Twenty-Eight • Hebrews 9:1-10

HOLD FAST OUR CONFESSION with CONFIDENCE! • Hebrews 4:14–10:18

Ch 7:1–10:18 | Don't Settle for LESSER When You ALREADY Have BETTER in JESUS' Eternal, Perfecting Priesthood:
The Perfected Son Is Seated & Serving as Our High Priest in the Heavenly Sanctuary with a Better Ministry!

BETTER MEDIATOR
Like Melchizedek

7:1-28

BETTER MINISTRY
in Heaven

8:1-6

BETTER COVENANT
with Better Promises

8:7-13

BETTER SANCTUARY
Not Made by Man

9:1-14

BETTER SACRIFICE
Himself Once for All Time

9:15-28

BETTER PERFECTION
by Christ's Sacrifice

10:1-18

ENTERS the Holy of Holies to *SIT & SERVE* as a *SON* Made Perfect Forever to be a *PRIEST KING* with a Better Ministry *according to* a Better Covenant *in* a Better Sanctuary *by* a Better Sacrifice *for* a Better Perfection!

Why Does the Pastor-Teacher Focus on the “Tabernacle” or “Tent” and Not the Temple?

“Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.” Exodus 25:8-9; cf. Hebrews 8:5; Exodus 26:31-37

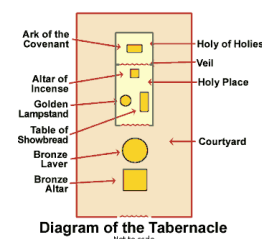
1. The “Tabernacle” was a tent that pictured the **TEMPORARY**. (8:5; 9:1-2)
2. The “Tabernacle” was the first **PATTERN** God revealed to be made by men. (8:2; 9:11)
3. This Tabernacle was directly **TIED** to the first covenant that could not perfect.
4. This Tabernacle **TRAVELED** with the Wilderness Generation who failed to persevere.
5. This Tabernacle was **UNREMARKABLE** in outward appearance.



What Is Being Emphasized and Contrasted?

1. The **SECOND** veil that limited access to the *second room* in the *earthly sanctuary*. (9:2-3; Exodus 26:31-37)
2. The *righteous worship regulations* for **PRIESTLY** service in this earthly sanctuary.

“divine worship” (NAS95); *“regulations for worship”* (ESV, NET, NIV11); *“regulations for ministry”* (CSB); *“ordinances for divine service”* (NKJV)



What Is the Point of All This? The Tabernacle Was a Mixture of Promise and Problem!

Reflect on the **LIMITATIONS** of the earthly sanctuary with no way for God's people to enter into the promise of His holy presence due their sin problem.

Why Is the Heavenly Sanctuary Better than the Earthly Sanctuary?

1. The Earthly Sanctuary **LIMITED** the Way into God's Holy Presence. (9:1-7)

Focus is on the **form** of the earthly sanctuary separated into two tent-sections, the **furnishings** in both (vv. 2-5), and the **functioning** of the priestly service in those sections with those furnishings (vv 6-7).

- The **FORM** of the earthly sanctuary into a first and second section was limiting. (vv. 2-3)

- The **FURNISHINGS** within the first and second sections were limiting. (vv. 2-5)

First in “The Holy Place” – Lampstand, Table, and Sacred Bread!

Second in “The Most Holy Place”

Golden Altar of Incense, Ark of the Covenant covered outside with gold and inside was the Golden Jar of Manna, Aaron’s Rod that Budded, and Old Covenant Stone Tablets (Ten Commandments) and above it was the Cherubim of Glory Overshadowing the Mercy Seat!

Questions: Which tent-section was where God’s glory dwelt? Which tent-section is the most glorious? Which tent-section was most limited in terms of entering into it!

Disclaimer: *“but of these things we cannot now speak in detail!” (9:5b)*

Reflections

1. Glorious and God-given but required **REPEATED** work to maintain in the first tent-section.
2. Material and man-made but **POINTING** upward to better heavenly things (8:5) and forward to the better things to come in Christ (10:1).
3. Obsolete, outdated, and in process of being obliterated (8:13).

- The **FUNCTIONING** of the priests in the first and second sections was limiting. (vv. 6-7)

2. The Earthly Sanctuary Is a LEARNING Opportunity About the Better Way to God. (9:6-10)

- The earthly tabernacle is a **SIGN** from the Holy Spirit that the way to God was not yet revealed. (v. 8)

As long as the **“first tabernacle”** is still functioning under divine sanction
the way into the holy of holies has **NOT** been revealed.

Don’t go back to earthly priests in elaborate sanctuaries or temples or cathedrals to get closer to God!

- The earthly tabernacle is a **SYMBOL (PARABLE)** for the present time that worshipers are not yet perfected. (v. 9)

When is “the present time”?

Learn from the symbolism of the old tabernacle that repeated priestly activity cannot **PERFECT (CLEANSE)**
the guilty conscience of the worshiper!

Priestly activities are just a constant reminder that my sin is not removed and my conscience is not cleansed.

- The earthly tabernacle and its priestly worship regulations were **SATISFACTORY** until the time of perfection. (v. 10-12)

What and when is the “time of reformation” or “correction” or “new order”? (vv. 11-12)

**The Earthly Sanctuary Limited the Way into God’s Holy Presence Until the Coming of the New Order,
When Jesus Our Perfect High Priest Entered the Heavenly Sanctuary to Open the Way for Us!**

The Book of Hebrews emphasizes *“the radical difference that the new covenant makes in a believer’s approach to God; so radical, that a believing Jew [and Gentiles!] will eventually abandon the old system with its earthly tabernacle, Levitical priesthood, animal sacrifices, and restricted approach to God, and joyfully accept the new.”* – David Gooding

Don’t Look to Earthly Places with Priestly Activity as a Means of Getting Closer to God’s Holy Presence.

Hold fast our confession with confidence: Christ is the only way of entering the heavenly sanctuary,
because of His once for all perfecting sacrifice!

NEXT WEEK: Hebrews 9:11-14