

Christ Is the Minister of the Greater and More Perfect Tabernacle or Sanctuary

Hebrews 09:01–14

1 *The earthly sanctuary
or tabernacle:
Was for divine worship,
but it was only
an earthly sanctuary*

a. The outer sanctuary:
The Holy Place

- 1) The lampstand
- 2) The table of the show bread

b. The inner sanctuary:
The Holy of Holies

- 1) The golden altar of incense
- 2) The ark of the covenant

c. The priests entered
the Holy Place daily
and carried out their ministry
and acts of worship

d. The High Priest alone
entered the Holy of Holies
and that only once a year

1 Now the first covenant had regulations
for worship
and also an earthly sanctuary.

2 A tabernacle was set up.
In its first room were the lamp stand,
the table and the consecrated bread;
this was called the Holy Place.

3 Behind the second curtain was a room
called the Most Holy Place,

4 Which had the golden altar of incense
and the gold-covered ark of the covenant.
This ark contained the gold jar of manna,
Aaron's staff that had budded,
and the stone tablets of the covenant.

5 Above the ark were the cherubim
of the Glory,
overshadowing the atonement cover.
But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.

6 When everything had been arranged like this,
the priests entered regularly into the outer room
to carry on their ministry.

7 But 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.

<p>e. The inadequacies or lessons of the earthly sanctuary and worship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The way into God's presence was not yet open 2) The approach to God through gifts and sacrifices could not perfect worshippers 3) The great day of reformation – the day when imperfect worship would be transformed into perfect worship <p>2 <i>The heavenly sanctuary or tabernacle</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The perfect High Priest: He ministers with better things b. A perfect sanctuary: Not man-made c. A perfect sacrifice <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sacrificed His own blood 2) Sacrificed Himself once 3) Secured redemption for us d. A perfect salvation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The earthly sanctuary and worship cleansed only the flesh, only the outward person 2) The heavenly sanctuary and worship purifies a person, even his conscience 3) The heavenly sanctuary and worship leads a person to serve God 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8 The 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 standing. 9 This 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. 10 They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings – external regulations applying until the time of the new order. 11 When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. 12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. 14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!
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