

Exodus- Part 11 (Chapter 25:1-9)

1) The Sanctuary (25:1-9)

The Old Testament sanctuary is connected to the New Testament through fulfillment, where the earthly sanctuary and its rituals are seen as a symbolic foreshadowing of Jesus's life, death, and high priestly ministry in the heavenly sanctuary. The New Testament presents a "true tabernacle" in heaven, with Jesus serving as the high priest who mediates the new covenant, and the physical sanctuary on earth is replaced by the spiritual reality of the church and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Old Testament sanctuary as a type

- **A shadow of a greater reality:** The Old Testament sanctuary, with its rituals and sacrifices, is described as a "copy and shadow" of a true heavenly sanctuary and a more perfect system that was to come.
- **A prophecy of the gospel:** The entire sacrificial system was a compacted prophecy of the gospel, pointing to Christ's death and the promises of redemption.
- **A symbol of God's presence:** The earthly sanctuary was where God's presence dwelled among Israel, requiring obedience and providing a way for them to commune with Him.

New Testament fulfillment

- **Jesus as the fulfillment:** Jesus is the fulfillment of the sanctuary's purpose. His sacrificial death on the cross is the ultimate sacrifice, and His resurrection and ascension inaugurate the new covenant.
- **Jesus as the High Priest:** The book of Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus serves as our high priest in the heavenly sanctuary, a role that replaces the Levitical priesthood.
- **The heavenly sanctuary:** The New Testament reveals a heavenly sanctuary where Jesus continues His ministry. The earthly temple was a model of this true, heavenly one.
- **Jesus as the new "temple":** Jesus is also identified as the new temple, surpassing the importance of the Jerusalem temple.
- **The Church as the sanctuary:** For New Testament believers, the sanctuary is no longer a physical building but their bodies, which are considered the temple of the Holy Spirit, or the church itself.

[Heb 4:14](#) Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

[Heb 4:15](#) For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet he did not sin.

[Heb 4:16](#) Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

- **The Earthly Holy Place**

Heb 9:1 Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary.

Heb 9:2 A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place.

Heb 9:3 Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place,

Heb 9:4 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.

Heb 9:5 Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.

Heb 9:6 When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry.

Heb 9:7 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.

Heb 9:8 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 functioning.

Heb 9:9 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.

Heb 9:10 They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings--external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

- **Redemption Through the Blood of Christ**

Heb 9:11 But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation.

Heb 9:12 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, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Heb 9:13 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.

Heb 9:14 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!

Heb 9:15 For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Heb 9:16 In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it,

Heb 9:17 because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living.

Heb 9:18 This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood.

Heb 9:19 When Moses had proclaimed every command of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people.

Heb 9:20 He said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep."

Heb 9:21 In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies.

Heb 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Heb 9:23 It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Heb 9:24 For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.

Heb 9:25 Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.

Heb 9:26 Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Heb 9:27 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

Heb 9:28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Christ's Sacrifice Once for All

Heb 10:1 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming--not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.

Col 2:16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

Col 2:17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

Joh 2:19 Jesus answered them, "**Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.**"

Joh 2:20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?"

Joh 2:21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

Joh 2:22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Mat 12:6 **I tell you that something greater than the temple is here.**

Joh 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Eph 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

Eph 2:20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

Eph 2:21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

Eph 2:22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

1Co 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?