

Sanctuary, Sanctuary

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- ¹ Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; ² A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Sanctuary

- Miqdash (Hebrew) – a consecrated thing or place; a hallowed or holy place
- Qodesh (Hebrew) – a sacred place or thing; hallowed or holy. (Its root word is qadash – to be clean; to be or keep holy)
- Hagion (Greek) – a sacred place or a holy place

The Sanctuary or Tabernacle was ordained by God to teach an earthly lesson about a heavenly truth.

- Hebrews 8:5 -⁵ They serve in a system of worship that is only a copy, a shadow of the real one in heaven. For when Moses was getting ready to build the Tabernacle, God gave him this warning: “Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern I have shown you here on the mountain.” (NLT)

The Inner Sanctuary was for God's presence. It mirrored God's throne room in heaven.

- Exodus 40:34-35 - ³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

- Revelation 15:5 - ⁵ After these things I looked, and behold, the **temple* of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.
- **Sanctuary*, the inner shrine (Holy of Holies)

The Tabernacle and the Holy of Holies were closed off to man

- Hebrews 9:6-10 - ⁶ When these things were all in place, the priests regularly entered the first room as they performed their religious duties. ⁷ But only the high priest ever entered the Most Holy Place, and only once a year. And he always offered blood for his own sins and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. ⁸ By these regulations the Holy Spirit revealed that the entrance to the Most Holy Place was not freely open as long as the Tabernacle and the system it represented were still in use.

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- Hebrews 9:6-10 - ⁹ This is an illustration pointing to the present time. For the gifts and sacrifices that the priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them. ¹⁰ For that old system deals only with food and drink and various cleansing ceremonies—physical regulations that were in effect only until a better system could be established. (NLT)

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- 1. It was of earth
- 2. It was a shadow of things to come
- 3. It was inaccessible to the people
- 4. It was temporary
- 5. It was ineffective to change the hearts of people (For the gifts and sacrifices that the priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them. (NLT))

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- Hebrews 9:11-15 - ¹¹ But Christ came *as* High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

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- Hebrews 9:11-15 - ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

The High Priest could only enter the Holy of Holies with blood and incense.

- Leviticus 16:12-13 - ¹² Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring *it* inside the veil. ¹³ And he shall put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that *is* on the Testimony, lest he die.

The Sanctuary is still holy because it is still the place where we come into the presence of God.

- Hebrews 4:16 - ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- Matthew 18:20 - ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

- “Even more than a vision from God, we need a vision of God – a vision of God high and exalted.”
(Isaiah 6) – Mark Batterson