

Hebrews part 6 - Not of This Creation

Monday, August 27, 2012

The True Tabernacle

Hebrews 8

1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an 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** <G4633 - Tent>, **which the Lord pitched**, and not man.

What is the true tabernacle?

Hebrews 9

11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, **not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building** <G2937 - Creation>;

Ephesians 2

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Two things can be applied here:

By God's graciousness we are saved through faith - Romans 5:20

By being gracious toward others we are saved through faith - Romans 6:14

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are <his> workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

The tabernacle Christ ministers in is the mind of His Church. The Church is not of this creation but is of the world to come.

1 Corinthians 3

16 Know ye not that **ye are the temple** <G3485 - temple> **of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

17 If any man defile the temple <G3485 - temple> of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple <G3485 - temple> of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1 Corinthians 6

19 What? know ye not that **your body is the temple** <G3485 - temple> **of the Holy Ghost which is in you**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

2 Corinthians 6

16 And what agreement hath the temple <G3485 - temple> of God with idols? **for ye are the temple** <G3485 - temple> **of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

This verse seems to have been taken from Leviticus 26.

Leviticus 26

11 And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.

12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

Zechariah 2

10 Sing and rejoice, **O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee,**

saith the Lord.

For God to dwell in a person means His concepts and spirit of truth dwell in their understanding. That means He is focused on bringing that person the information needed to make His presence a reality in them. He can only work in those who have ears to hear, thus making the church the true tabernacle.

Hebrews 9

23 It was therefore necessary that **the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.**

24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, **which are the figures <G499 - representatives> of the true;** but into (the) heaven itself, now to appear in the presence (before the face) of God for us:

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3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

5 Who serve unto **the example and shadow of heavenly things**, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things **according to the pattern** showed to thee in the mount.

Exodus 25

8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

9 According to all that I shew thee, **after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments** thereof, even so shall ye make it.

40 And look that thou **make them after their pattern**, which was showed thee in the mount.

The pattern Moses was shown was a pattern of the symbols used in the sanctuary to depict the minds of those with ears to hear. He was not shown the ultimate meaning, but was shown the symbol used. For example, Moses saw the pattern of the candlestick never knowing it represented the seven churches spoken of in Revelation. He was how to make the table of showbread without ever realizing it pictured the two births of the Son of God and how He spoke through Israel creating the 66 books of the bible. Moses saw patterns of the symbols used.

Hebrews 9

1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;

5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercy seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

8 **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:

9 Which was **a figure <G3850 - parable>** for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

What we are reading hear is heavenly truth. Outward representations of the understanding possessed by the last generation church.

John 3

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hear the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goes: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, **Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?**

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of **heavenly things?**

13 **And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.**

The born again experience happens when we ascend out of the lie and dwell in a correct understanding of the Father. It is at this point Christ can take the book from His Father and begin to help us see the heavenly truth of the Father, Son, and their church.

A Better Sacrifice

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11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, **having obtained eternal redemption for us.**

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh (mind):

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit (of love) offered

himself **without spot** to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
fulfill the promise of the new covenant

Without spot refers to the fact He forgave those who crucified Him.

Purging our conscience from dead works means we no longer think we need to do things in order to win God's approval but can serve Him without fear.

15 **And for this cause (or this is why) <he> is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, (Or, death having come to be for the redemption of violations that took place under the first covenant... In other words, if God forgives those who murdered His Son there can't be anything before or after the cross He wouldn't forgive.)**
they which are called **might receive the promise** of eternal inheritance.

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator (the one who arranged it).

17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator lives.

These two verses show it was Christ who came down on Mt. Sinai and gave the law to Israel.

18 Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,

20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission <G859 - deliverance>.**

Not because of God's desire but because of man's lack of trust in God's love.

23 It was therefore necessary that **the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.**

24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, **which are the figures <G499 - representatives> of the true;** but into (the) heaven itself, now to appear in the presence (before the face) of God for us:

25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest enters into the holy place every year with blood of others;

26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

He puts away sin by redeeming us from all iniquity! (Psalms 130:8)

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him **shall he appear the second time without sin** unto salvation.