

God’s Temple ... The Pattern for Reality

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TEXT: Hebrews 8:1-6

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- 1 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at 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 erected, and not man.*
- 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.*
- 4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;*
- 5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, “See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”*
- 6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.*

The tabernacle had a much deeper meaning than just a sanctuary where God could meet his people.

I. _____ the Tabernacle using A Heavenly pattern.

Exodus 25:8-9

- 8 And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.*
- 9 According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.*

The tabernacle was a prototype of the sanctuary in heaven.

PART #1: The _____.

PART #2: The _____.

PART #3: The _____.

II. _____ this Heavenly pattern.

Genesis 1:26

26 *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

A Triune Pattern is seen in:

PATTERN #1: The _____ world of _____ (Body).

PATTERN #2: The _____ world of the _____ (Soul).

PATTERN #3: The _____ world of the _____ (Spirit).

III. _____ us according to this Heavenly pattern.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

23 *May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.*

Salvation is actually in three tenses: past, present, and future.

PAST TENSE: When we place our faith in Jesus, we are changed

_____ in our _____.

Ephesians 2:5

4 *But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much,*
5 *that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) (NLT)*

PRESENT TENSE: When we place our faith in Jesus, we are changed

_____ in our _____.

Philippians 1:6

6 *And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (NLT)*

FUTURE TENSE: When we put our faith in Jesus, we will be changed

_____ in our _____.

Philippians 3:20-21

20 *But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.*

21 *He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control. (NLT)*