

Lesson 11 – The New Covenant Ministry of Jesus



Introduction: “Covenant” means promise or agreement. God’s covenant is His promise and plan to save us. It is His “plan of salvation.” The Bible speaks of two covenants-the old one, made at Sinai, and the new one, established at the cross. Let us compare the two.

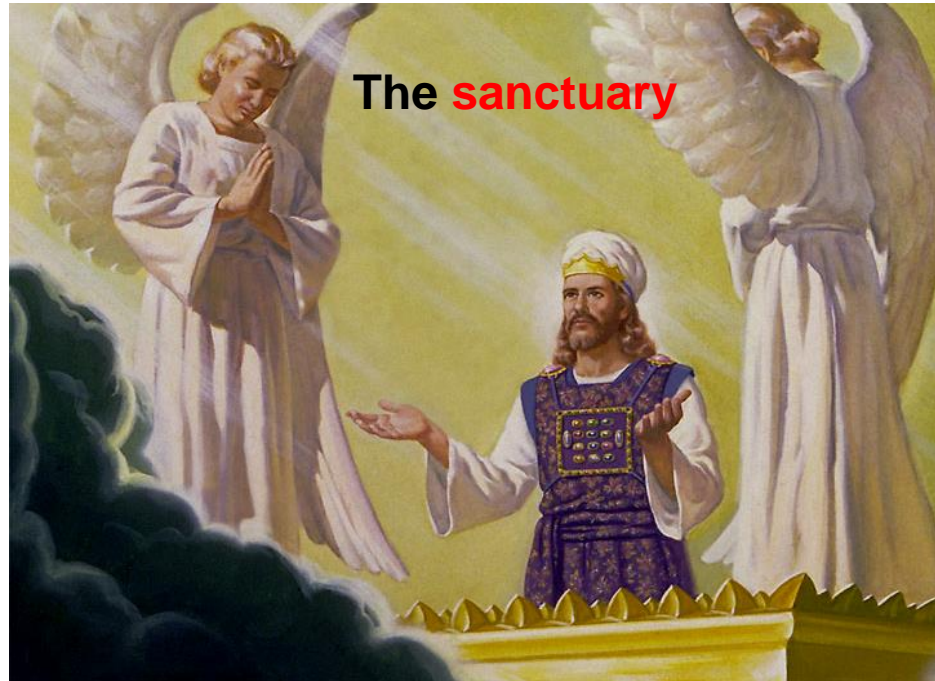


1. From where does Jesus carry on His new-covenant ministry for us? Heb. 8:1,2

The Further-study verses are Rev. 1:13; 4:5; 8:3, 4; 11:19.]

Hebrews 8:1,2

- 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, which the Lord pitched, and not man.



**[Answer: Jesus carries on His new covenant ministry at the right hand of God
In the heavenly sanctuary.]**



2. Where were the old-covenant services performed? Heb. 9:1-5 Ex. 25-27; 16:33, 34; Num. 17:10; Ex. 25:8, 9, 40 *Hebrews 9:1-5*

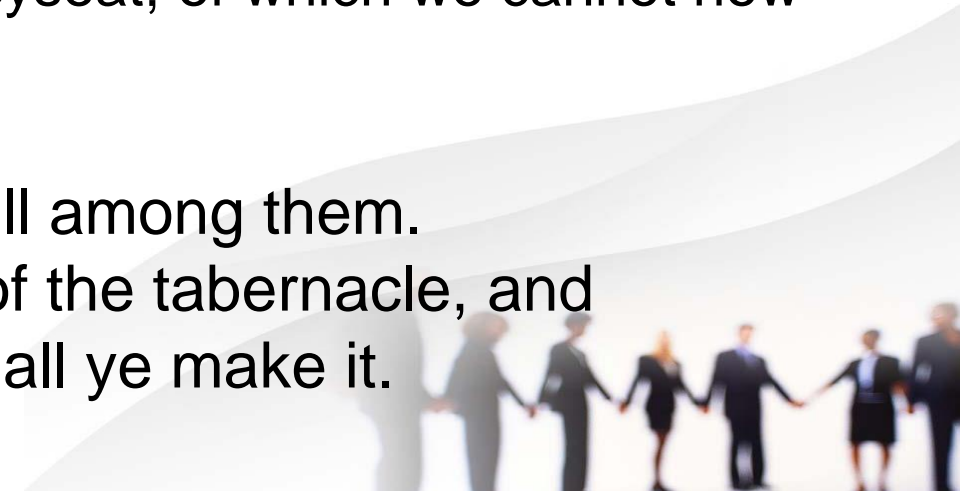
- Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.
- ² For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.
- ³ And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called 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 mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

Exodus 25:8,9

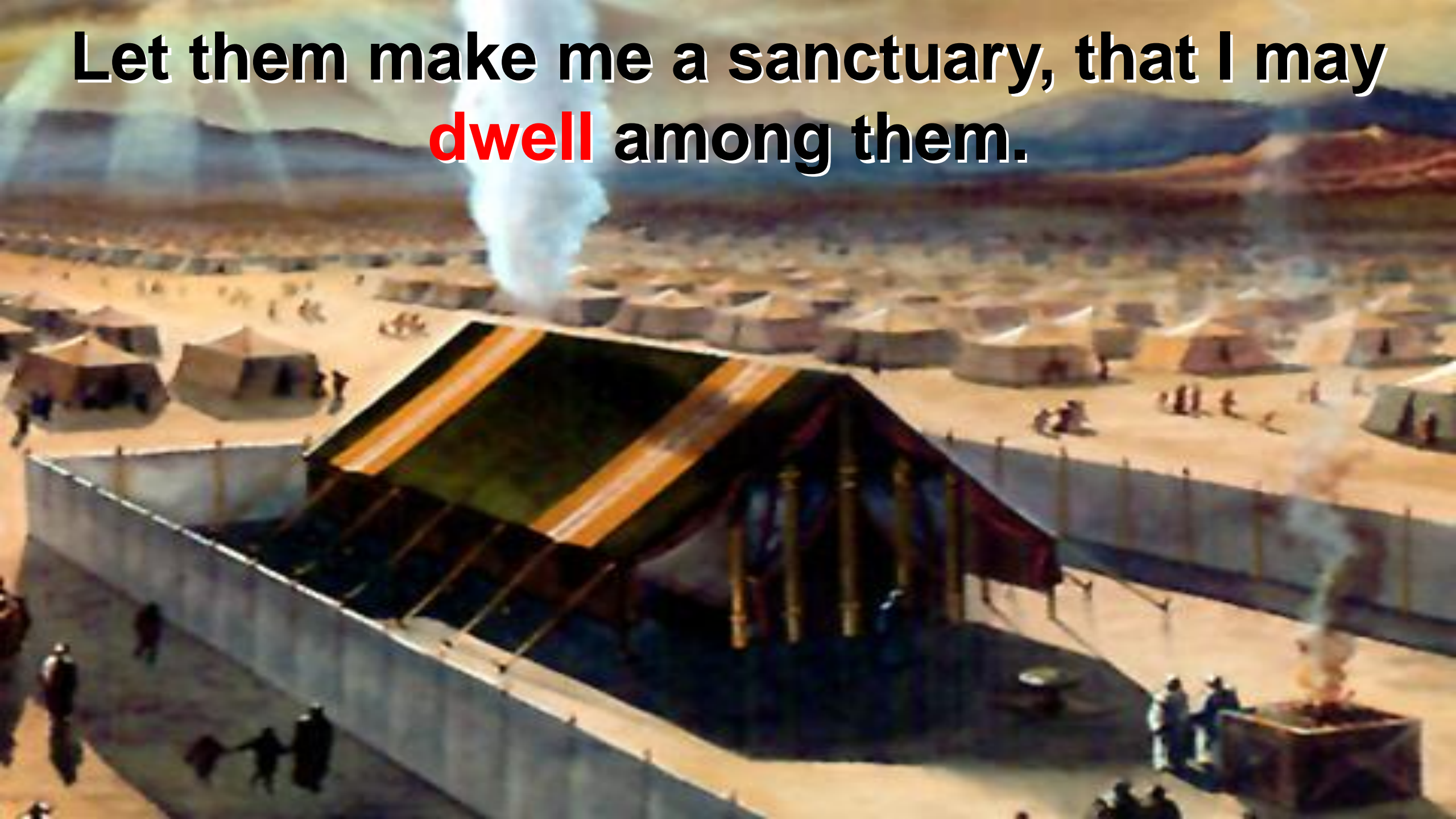
⁸ And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

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.

Answer: In the earthly sanctuary.



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dwell among them.

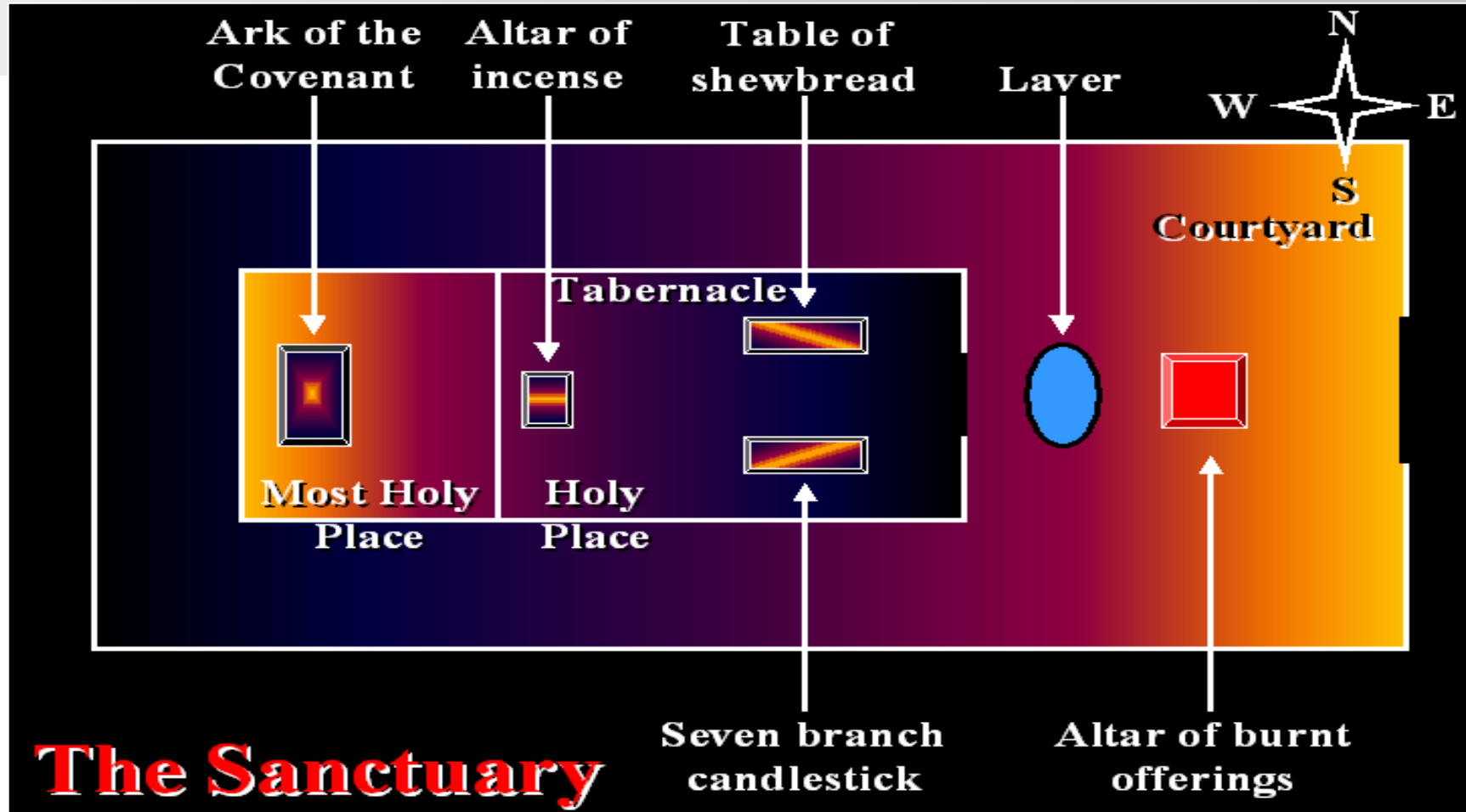
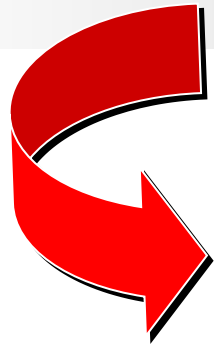


The example and shadow of **heavenly** things



Judgment

Jesus in the sanctuary



The Sanctuary

Jesus' intercession



Jesus' sacrifice

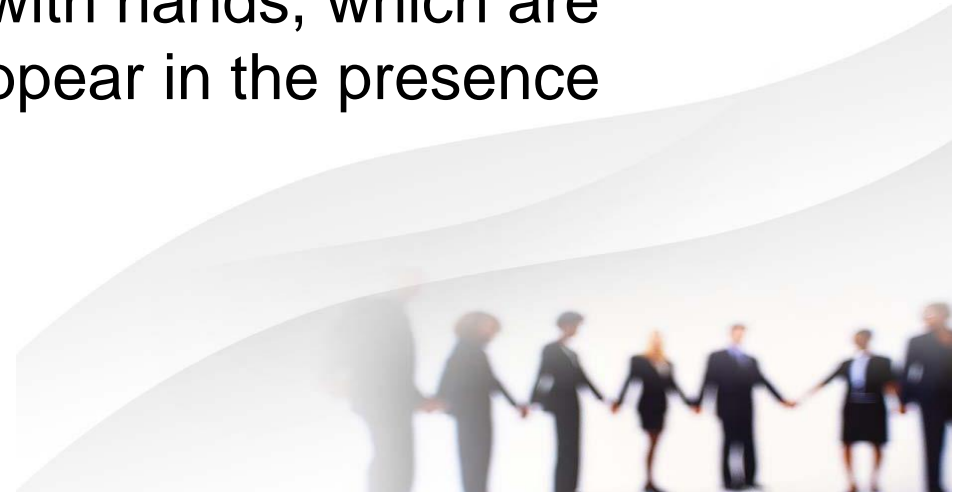


3. What did Paul call the old-covenant sanctuary, with its earthly services? Heb. 9:24 [Ans: “Copies” of the true. Note: The old covenant is a picture of the new covenant. It is the plan of salvation illustrated. In some respects it is like a picture of a man’s wife. The man may show it to you and say, “This is my wife.” But is it really? No, it is only a picture! He may treasure the picture, but it cannot replace his wife. The Jewish nation hung on to the old-covenant “picture” but rejected the One to whom it pointed forward-Jesus and His ministry. We could also illustrate it with a blueprint of a house which is made before the house is built. Heb. 8:3-5]

Hebrews 9:24

²⁴ For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Answer: “Copies” of the true.



4. When God illustrated His plan of salvation at Sinai, what covenant did the people make with Him? Ex. 19:8

Exodus 19:8

⁸ And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

Exodus 25:8

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

[Note: When God gave the old covenant at Sinai, the people promised to keep it, and they intended to, but they could not do so in their own strength (Rom. 8:3). They should have asked God for help; then the Savior, to whom the old covenant pointed forward, would have come into their hearts and delivered them from the power of sin. Matt. 1:21; John 8:34-36; Ex. 25:8]



5. What was the purpose of the laws of the earthly sanctuary? Gal. 3:24 [John 5:46, 47; Heb. 10:1]

Galatians 3:24

²⁴ Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

John 5:46. 47

- ⁴⁶ For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me.
- ⁴⁷ But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

Answer: The law was our schoolmaster. But now we are no longer under the sacrificial system, we are now under faith.



6 . Everything in the old covenant-its people, its law, its sanctuary and services, its capital city, etc.-represented (or pictured) something in the new covenant established at the cross.

Who did the HIGH PRIEST represent? Heb. 4:14-16 [1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 2:17; 3:1]

Hebrew 4:14-16

- ¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.
- ¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
- ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Timothy 2:5

⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

[Answer. The Man Jesus Christ]



7. Who did the PEOPLE of the old covenant, the literal children of Abraham, represent? Gal. 3:9, 29 [Rom. 2:28, 29; Gen. 17: 1-7; Eze. 34:30; Matt. 3:9; John 8:37-44]

Galatians 3:9, 29

⁹ So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

²⁹ And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Romans 2:28, 29

- ²⁸ For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:
- ²⁹ But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Answer: Of Abraham's seed.



8. What new-covenant capital city corresponds to the old-covenant CAPITAL? Gal. 4:24-26

Galatians 4:24-26

- ²⁴ Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.
- ²⁵ For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.
- ²⁶ But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

[Note: Some people still look to old-covenant Jerusalem for the fulfillment of God's promises. Like the Pharisees, they are clinging to the old-covenant "picture"; but that covenant was nailed to the cross. The old covenant was like Hagar. Hagar was intended to be the midwife to deliver the child of promise, but she was never intended to be the mother of that child. Thus the old covenant was perfect for leading God's people to Christ and to the New Jerusalem, but it was never intended to take its place. John 8:34-36; Heb. 10:4; 11:8-10]



9. How did the old covenant SACRIFICES take away sins? Heb. 10:4, 5

Hebrews 10:4, 5

- ⁴ For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.
- ⁵ Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

Acts 4:12

- ¹² Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

[Ans: They didn't. Those who trusted in these sacrifices alone, were lost. The sacrificial system was designed to develop and show one's faith in the coming Messiah. Acts 4:12]



10. Who did the LAMB represent? John 1:29 [1 Cor. 5:7]

John 1:29

²⁹ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

1 Cor. 5:7

⁷ Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:



**11. In the old covenant, what was one purpose of the ten-commandment LAW written on stone?
Rom. 7:7-10 [James 1:23, 24; 2:10-12; Ex. 24:12; Deut. 4:13]**

Romans 7:7-10

- ⁷ What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.
- ⁸ But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.
- ⁹ For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.
- ¹⁰ And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

Exodus 24:12

- ¹² And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

Answer: By the law is the acknowledgment of sin



12. Besides providing forgiveness for breaking God's law, why else did Jesus come to earth? Rom. 8:3, 4; 1 John 3:4-6]

Romans 8:3,4

- ³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
- ⁴ That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

1 John 3:4-6

⁴ Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

⁵ And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

⁶ Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

[Answer: To give us power to keep God's law.]



**13. God's law was written on STONE in the old-covenant "picture."
Where is it written in the new covenant? Heb. 10:16 [Eze. 11:19, 20; 2
Cor. 3:7-10, 18; 1 John 2:3-5]**

Hebrews 10:16

- ¹⁶ This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

Ezekiel 11:19, 20

- ¹⁹ And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:
- ²⁰ That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Answer: I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them



- **Commitment:** Some have wondered why, when the Ten Commandments were included in the old covenant, the New Testament says, “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may . . . enter . . . the [New Jerusalem] city” (Rev. 22:14, NKJV). But the old covenant merely foreshadowed the new. In the new covenant the commandments are to be written on our hearts. Do you want Jesus to perform this new-covenant ministry in your life?

