

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

The Sanctuary – Part 4

Lessons From the Sanctuary

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Sanctuary. Our topic today: Lesson from the Sanctuary.

Scripture Theme Song: These are the ones – Rev. 7:14-17

Prayer

- 1) The Place where God's Presence was revealed
 - a) Exodus 25:8
 - b) How was the presence of the LORD revealed in connection with the earthly sanctuary?
Exodus 40:34-38
 - c) How does the LORD reveal His presence to us today?
- 2) Set apart as holy
 - a) Exodus 40:9-14
 - b) Leviticus 19:2
 - c) 1 Peter 1:14-16
 - d) 1 Peter 2:9-10
 - e) Is holiness a requirement or a gift? Or both?
 - f) What is a necessary preparation to experience the holiness that God desires? 1 John 3:1-3
 - g) What lesson can we learn from the conduct of the sons of Eli? 1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-24
- 3) Furnishings for the Sanctuary
 - a) Exodus 31:1-11 (use graphic or model)
 - b) What symbolism do you see in each piece of furniture used in the sanctuary?
 - c) Why is it important to remember that even the furnishings were constructed according to God's blueprint by artisans who were filled with the Spirit of God?
 - d) How does the message of Paul to Christians in Ephesus parallel the lessons learned about the earthly sanctuary? Ephesians 2:8-10
- 4) The center of divine and communal activity
 - a) 1 Kings 8:31-53
 - b) What was the significance of praying toward the Temple in Jerusalem? Isn't God in heaven?
 - c) What words in Solomon's prayer remind us that the LORD intended the temple to be a house of prayer for all people? (1 Kings 8:41-43)
 - d) How can our places of worship become houses of prayer for all people?
- 5) Experiencing God's presence in His Sanctuary
 - a) Psalm 27:4
 - i) How can we behold the beauty of the LORD in His sanctuary?
 - b) Psalm 27:5
 - i) How is God's sanctuary a place of protection?
 - c) What other texts of Scripture remind us that communion with God is a place of beauty and safety?
- 6) Discussion question: What is the most important lesson you have learned from a study of the sanctuary?