

Hebrews

9:3-5

Exodus 25:8-9

And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

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Exodus 25:10-22

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God's holiness must not be taken lightly.

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Leviticus 16:1-5, 11-14

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The author of Hebrews is constantly reminding us that the Old Covenant system and Priesthood has been replaced by the Priestly work and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

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Exodus 36:35

He made the veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; with cherubim skillfully worked into it he made it.

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Where else have we seen Cherubim mentioned earlier in the Bible?

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Genesis 3:24

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God uses the tabernacle and the sacrificial system to teach them about sin, judgment, wrath, and...mercy.

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Mark 15:37-39

And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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Luke 23:44-47

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

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Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"

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Ezekiel 10:15-22

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Why would God do such a thing?

The sinfulness of the people.

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1 Kings 9:6-9

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Is this not the state of our nation today?

People want the blessings of God while they remain in their sins. This is not how God works. God brings wrath upon sinners, not blessings.

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Was God only in the Tabernacle... in the Most Holy Place?

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Jeremiah 23:23-24

"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

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1 Kings 8:27-30

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1 Samuel 5:1-12

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1 Samuel 6:19-20

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They had forgotten that it was not only the Philistines who were sinners, but they, the Israelites, were sinners as well, and that God was still Holy.

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“Who can stand before a Holy God?”

How would you answer that question?

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The only ones who can stand before the holiness of God, are those whom the Holy Son has made holy.

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What will happen to you when it is your
time to come into the presence of
God's holiness?

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1. Brainstorm and think of the various lessons that the Israelites could have been taught by the Most Holy Place.
2. Read Revelation 21:1-7. In this chapter God is with mankind.
 - A. How is this possible?
 - B. How is this different from the Tabernacle and the Holy Place of the Old Covenant?
3. Facing the holiness of God should be a matter of great concern for all sinners.
 - A. What about Christians, should we be scared of facing God in His Holiness? Why, or why not?
 - B. What truths can be gained about our presence with God from the following passages:

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Isaiah 53:4-5

Hebrews 13:12-14
4. All people are sinners and deserve eternal punishment. However, as in the Old Covenant, but even more clearly now, God has provided mercy.
 - A. 1 Peter 2:10
 - B. 1 Timothy 1:15-16
5. Since we have received mercy from God instead of the punishment that we were due, how should this effect our ability to show mercy towards others? Read and discuss James 2:13, Luke 6:16, and Matthew 6:7.
6. Application: Is there someone that you need to be more merciful towards? Can you recall a time when you received mercy from a fellow Christian? What was the result?