

"TREASURES FROM THE LOST ARK"

Series: "Better Than All The Rest", Part 6 of 10 Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Hebrews 9:1-28

Big Idea: Old Covenant worship, centered in the Tabernacle, foreshadowed beautifully the abundant life of worship God has now provided through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now even the first covenant had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary. 2 For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place. 3 And behind the second veil, there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, 4 having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant. 5 And above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail. 6 Now when these things have been thus prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle, performing the divine worship, 7 but into the second only the high priest enters, once a year, not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance. -Hebrews 9:1-7 {NASV}

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites. -Exodus 19:5-6

With that as a set up, I want us to watch a video together taking us on a little tour of the Tabernacle. It is seven minutes long and is taught and led by Kay Warren, the co-founder of Saddleback Church in southern California. Now, the visual quality is not high definition. The visual graphics and quality are a bit poor, but I ask you to please bear with that because the content of this video is spectacular. https://saddleback.com/watch/featured-videos/tabernacle-virtual-tour. I think you'll find it very helpful.

There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites. -Exodus 25:22

Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience, 10 since they relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation. Hebrews 9:9b-10 {NASV}