

# Walking in Joy Bible Study

*This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast . . . HEB. 6:19*

**JESUS, OUR ANCHOR &**

**HOPE**

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## “Make Me A Tabernacle – From Earth to Heaven”

Hebrews 9:11-15

After spending two weeks visiting the Temple Institute, we were given an opportunity to see and explore the various details of the earthly sanctuary. We were able to experience this beautiful yet, rugged aspect of the original Tabernacle. Our time was well spent as the writer opened the first part of chapter 9:1-5. We focused on the Tent of Meetings or tabernacle, with regards to its divine rights and regulations which was established in the first covenant. It was an earthly sanctuary. It was the center of Worship, the place where the God of the Universe choose to dwell among His people.

As we trekked along, our writer pointed us back to Exodus 25:8. He showed us how the people gave from a willing heart, all the elements to make God a sanctuary. Our writer then pointed to several other times that the bible speaks of God wanting to be among His people. We see this in Psalm 40:6-8, John 1:14, Hebrews 2:4 and 10:5. We saw the heart of God wanting to be with man both in the Old and New Testament.

Our writer further noted:

1. That the Tabernacle was glorious in every aspect, it signified the Deity of Jesus' human nature.
2. It was the place that the God of Israel presence dwelled. For the Christian we meet with God through Jesus Christ.
3. Yet, it wasn't fixed it was moveable which typified the troublesome, unstable state of the people. For believers in Christ **we Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.**

After describing the Tabernacle and its function, Rabbi Rose begins to move about the room giving insight and details concerning each piece of the furnishings.

Beginning with the Golden Lamp Stand (aka) Menorah, he pointed to the Golden Table of which the Bread of Presence was to be placed.



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Our writer continued in chapter 9:1-10 this time focusing on the Holy of Holies. In the Holy of Holies, we found the Golden censer or “Altar of Incense; the Ark of the covenant, which housed the Golden Pot of Manna, Aaron’s Rod and Ten Commandments. Lastly the Cherubim which were positioned over the Ark and the Mercy Seat.

The priest serving in the Tent of Meeting served daily. Rabbi Rose instructed us that their work was never done. Sacrifices and offerings were made daily. But once a year, the High Priest would enter the Holiest place with an offering of blood. He could not enter without the blood which was offered for himself and for the sins committed by the people out of ignorance.

Our writer in the closing of these scriptures, points out that the first Tabernacle was symbolic, and a foreshadowing of the second tabernacle to come. This first tabernacle had its inadequacies as it stood. It did not allow the people to have access to God. Furthermore, the priest who performed the services could not make humanity complete because all the offerings, ceremonial washings, and regulations, only effected the outward life until God through Jesus Christ reshaped the whole system; specifically, the conscience within in a man’s heart.

This week as we prepare to leave on another journey. our writer and Rabbi Rose directs our attention to the fact that Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and a more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

## Background Scriptures

Day 3:

- ❖ Jeremiah 7:22-23
- ❖ Isaiah 53:12
- ❖ Ephesians 1:1-13
- ❖ Hebrews 10:1-4

Day 4:

- ❖ Psalm 69:30-36; 118
- ❖ Zacharias 3:8-9
- ❖ Leviticus 16:15-17
- ❖ Romans 3:25

