

Precept Upon Precept-Hebrews

Draw Near...There is Intimacy with God, Lesson 17

- Draw near there is intimacy with God in the sanctuary
 - Hebrews 8,9,10
 - The author is calling the readers into intimacy with God and with Christ.
 - He is bidding them to come to the very throne of grace.
 - The author wants them to draw near and not turn away.
- At the throne there is mercy and grace.
 - Hebrews 4:14-16: "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let's hold firmly to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things just as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let's approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help at the time of our need."
 - Hebrews 7:19: "For the Law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the introduction of a better hope, through which we come near to God."
 - Hebrews 7:24-25: "...Therefore He is also able to save forever those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."
 - Hebrews 8:1-2: "Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord set up, not man."
 - Hebrews 8:6: "But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, to the extent that He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises."
 - Hebrews 9:23-24: "It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence."
 - Hebrews 10:1-2: "For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the form of those things itself, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually every year, make those who approach perfect..."
 - Hebrews 10:19-22: "Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus. by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let's approach God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."
- There is intimacy in the sanctuary
 - Exodus 15:17: ""You will bring them and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, The place, O Lord, which You have made for Your dwelling, The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.""

- This earthly Jerusalem is a picture of the heavenly Jerusalem.
- Exodus 25:8: "Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them."
- Exodus 40:32-34: "...Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle."
- John 1:1-2,14: "...And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."
 - 'Dwelt' means 'tabernacled'
- Exodus 40:36-38: "Throughout all their journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out; but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up. For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel."
- Tabernacle is a place of refuge
 - II Chronicles 20:3-9: "...O Lord, the God of our fathers, are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You. Did You not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel and give it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever? They have lived in it, and have built You a sanctuary there for Your name, saying, 'Should evil come upon us, the sword, or judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before You (for Your name is in this house) and cry to You in our distress, and You will hear and deliver us.'"
 - The Lord listens to our needs and is our present help in time of need.
 - Ezekiel 11:13-16: "...Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Though I had removed them far away among the nations and though I had scattered them among the countries, yet I was a sanctuary for them a little while in the countries where they had gone.'"
 - Psalm 62:5-8: "My soul, wait in silence for God only, For my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken. On God my salvation and my glory rest; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us."
 - Psalm 73:1-3: "Surely God is good to Israel, To those who are pure in heart! But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling. My steps had almost slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant as I saw the prosperity of the wicked."
 - Psalm 73:15-17: "If I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I would have betrayed the generation of Your children. When I pondered to understand this, It was troublesome in my sight until I came into the sanctuary of God; Then I perceived their end."
- In the sanctuary is where you get the proper perspective on life.
 - Psalm 73:21-24: "When my heart was embittered And I was pierced within, Then I was senseless and ignorant; I was like a beast before You. Nevertheless I am

continually with You; You have taken hold of my right hand. With Your counsel You will guide me, And afterward receive me to glory.”

- In the sanctuary we see God as all in all.
 - Psalm 73:25: “Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.”
- In the sanctuary we receive strength.
 - Psalm 73:26-27: “My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For, behold, those who are far from You will perish; You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to You.”
- In the sanctuary we see the nearness of God
 - Psalm 73:28: “But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord God my refuge, That I may tell of all Your works.”
 - Hebrews 8:5: “who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, “See,” He says, “that you make all things according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.””
 - Hebrews 9:1-2: “Now even the first covenant had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary. 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.”
 - Hebrews 9:3-4: “Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, 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.”
 - Hebrews 9:5-6, Priests prepared to enter the outer tabernacle.
 - Hebrews 9:8: “the Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing.”
 - Hebrews 9:11-14: “But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”
 - John 6:32-33: “Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.””
 - John 1:4-9, Jesus is our life and light.
 - John 12:35-36: “So Jesus said to them, “For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes...”