

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan**Hebrews 8****Hebrews 8**

Hebrews eight is an incredible chapter that lets the reader look behind the curtain of this present world to see the world that is beyond. There is a realm beyond just what we can see with our eyes and experience with our five senses. Now we all realize that to some degree, but when God pulls back the curtain of another dimension we are in awe and wonder at the majesty, wisdom, and sovereignty of the creator and our Savior.

Chapter eight contrasts the world we see with the world we cannot see with our naked, earthly eyes. He takes the earthly priesthood, its services, its sacrifices, and the very place where all of that took place that we most often call the "tabernacle", the most often used Biblical term is "Tent of Meeting." It is called that because this is where God met with Moses, Aaron, and the priestly order that was reserved for the tribe of Aaron out of all the sons of Israel.

For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore, it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the

law, who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." "But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. (vv. 4-6, Emphasis mine)

Moses was instructed in the Torah, the book of Exodus chapters 25-40, to construct the Tent of Meeting according to the specific instructions or **pattern** that God gave him on the mountain. Yes, God gave Moses what we would call a "schematic or blueprint" for the tabernacle. As we will see in the coming verses in this chapter and chapter nine, the design of the earthly tent of meeting was designed after the "Heavenly Tabernacle." We must remember while reading these verses that it all starts in heaven, not on earth. The earthly "Worship Center" is patterned after the one in heaven. So was the Temple that Solomon built. If you will recall King David told his son Solomon, "See that you build this Temple according to the design I gave you." God had given it to David. More to come...

Prayer and Action Steps

Pause for just a few minutes and bow your head in reverence to the God of heaven and earth and breathe a breath of thanksgiving that God is the great designer of all things in heaven and earth and that He is in control!

Amen