

The Sanctuary
Lesson - 1- The Heavenly Sanctuary
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1 Kings 8:49 (NKJV) *Then hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.*

Sometimes called the tabernacle, sanctuary, holy place or temple.

God's Residence

How can God dwell in a specific location and still be everywhere?

God is "omnipresent," which means that He is present throughout the universe. " 'Am I a God near at hand, . . . and not a God afar off? . . . Do I not fill heaven and earth?' " (**Jer. 23:23, 24**, NKJV)
 "Does God need a dwelling place?"

If we had a cosmic GPS where would God's house or sanctuary be?

The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then we could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God. The holy city will come down through that open space. EW 41

1 Kings 8:27 (NKJV) *"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!*

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***Isaiah 66:1-2** (NKJV) *Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist," Says the Lord.*

Acts 17:24 *God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.*

***Psalm 102:19** (NKJV) *For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven the Lord viewed the earth,*

Revelation 21:22 (NKJV) *But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.*

2 Samuel 7:5-7 (NKJV) *"Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in?"⁶ For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?' " ' "*

Throne Room

Psalm 93:2 (NKJV) *Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.*

***Psalm 103:19** (NKJV) *The Lord has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all.*

Daniel 7:9 (NKJV)⁹ *"I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;*

Isaiah 6:1 *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.*

Psalm 89:14 (NKJV) *Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.*

Revelation 4:2-6 (NKJV) *Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.³ And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.⁵ And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.⁶ Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.*

Temple Environment

Revelation 1:12 (NKJV) *Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,*

Revelation 8:3 (NKJV) *Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.*

Revelation 5:6 (NKJV) *And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*

Revelation 11:19 (NKJV) *Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.*

Worship in Heaven

Job 1:6–7 (NKJV) *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.⁷ And the Lord said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the Lord and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”*

Revelation 5:14 (NKJV) *Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.*

Court Room

Psalm 11:4 (NKJV)⁴ *The Lord is in His holy temple, The Lord’s throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.*

The Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:11–12 (NKJV) *Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.*

***Habakkuk 2:20** (NKJV) *“But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.”*

The attitude toward God’s ruling and judging is awed silence and hushed reverence. The place where God reveals His special presence and where He is worshiped by the heavenly beings is loud Adoration.

Deuteronomy 25:1 (NKJV) *“If there is a dispute between men, and they come to court, that the judges may judge them, and they justify the righteous and condemn the wicked,*

Psalm 9:4–5 (NKJV)⁴ *For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.⁵ You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever.*

***Romans 14:10** (NKJV) *But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.*

Place of Salvation

Hebrews 8:1–2 (NKJV) *Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,² a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.*

Hebrews 9:24 (NKJV) *For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;*

Hebrews 2:17 (NKJV) *Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*

Ezekiel 47:12 (NKJV) *Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.”*

Revelation 22:1–3 (NKJV) *And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.³ And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.*

Revelation 21:22 (NKJV)²² *But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.*

Revelation 21:3 (NKJV) *And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.*