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Q.1. What is the chief end of man?

A: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

(Westminster Shorter Catechism)

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<sup>1</sup> Now even the first *covenant* had regulations of worship and the earthly sanctuary. <sup>2</sup> For there was a tent prepared, the first one, in which *were* the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place. <sup>3</sup> Behind the second veil there was a tent which is called the Holy of Holies, <sup>4</sup> 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; <sup>5</sup> and above it *were* the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

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<sup>6</sup> Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the first tent performing the worship, <sup>7</sup> 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.

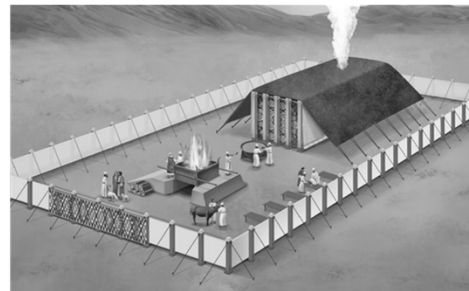
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<sup>8</sup> The Holy Spirit *is* signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the first tent is still standing, <sup>9</sup> which *is* a symbol for the present time. According to which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience, <sup>10</sup> since they *relate* only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.

(Hebrews 9:1-10)

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## No Access to God!

- The Inadequacy of the Old Sanctuary
  1. The design/function of the earthly sanctuary
    - it did not reveal the way of access into the presence of God (the heavenly sanctuary)
    - it's symbolic value is now clearly seen in light of the time of fulfillment brought by Christ

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- The Inadequacy of the Old Sanctuary
  2. The sacrifices of the earthly sanctuary
    - they were external, ceremonial, temporal and weak – devoid of divine power to cleanse
    - they had no power for inward transformation or the cleansing of the conscience

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- The All-Sufficient Sacrifice of Christ!
  - His “blood” results in a conscience that is set free and no longer burdened by knowledge of sin and feeling of guilt (9:14)
  - our relationship with God is not characterized by separation and uncertainty, but by nearness and confidence

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