**R857 Rumination for 27th June, 2021 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **JESUS, the Living Tabernacle.** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *And let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may* ***dwell*** *among them.* Exo. 25:8

 *And the Word was made flesh, and* ***dwelt*** *among us,* Jn. 1:14

The **T**hots:

1. **Jesus was the Living Tabernacle dwelling among us.**
2. Jesus was **G**od, the Word, **D**welling among His People as the Living Tabernacle:

*The Word was with God, and the Word was God.* Jn. 1:1

*And the Word was made flesh, and* ***dwelt*** *among us.* Jn. 1:14

[Note: *dwelt* is Gk. *Skēnoō*, from *skenos* to tent or encamp, i.e. (figurative)…to reside…

1. As God **D**id in the Tabernacle of old, a symbol of protection and communion: - *dwell*. Strong
2. As God **D**welt among His people Israel in the **H**oly of **H**olies (*Sanctuary*) Exo. 25:8

*And let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may* ***dwell*** *among them.*

1. The **G**lory of **G**od **D**escended on the Tabernacle and **D**welt in it when it was **D**edicated. Exo. 40:34, 35

*Then a* ***Cl****oud* ***C****overed the tent of the* ***C****ongregation, and the* ***glory*** *of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*

* Cf. *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His* ***glory****,*

 *the* ***G****lory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of* ***G****race and truth.* Jn. 1:14

1. **Jesus was the Living Way into the Sanctuary (the Holy of Holies):** Heb. 10:19-20

*Having therefore,* ***B****rethren,* ***B****oldness to enter into the holiest by the* ***B****lood of Jesus,*

***B****y a new and* ***living Way****, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh;*

* Cf. *Jesus saith…****I am the Way****…no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.* Jn. 14:6
1. Jesus is the **Way** –  See above.
2. He is **the Gate** (Door) of the outer Court leading into the Way – Exo. 27:16, NKJV

*And for the gate of the court shall be a screen…*

* Cf.***I am the gate.*** *Whoever enters by Me will be saved…* Jn. 10:9, NRSV; Mt. 7:13, 14, NKJV

*Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to* ***D****estruction…*

 *Because narrow is the gate and* ***D****ifficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.*

1. The Way passes via **the Brazen Altar** – Exo. 27:6

*Thou shalt make staves for* ***the altar****, staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with brass.*

* Cf. *We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.* Heb. 13:10
* Cf. *John seeth Jesus…saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.* Jn. 1:29
1. The Way passes via **the Brazen Laver**: Exo. 30:18

*Thou shalt also make a laver of brass…to* ***W****ash* ***W****ithal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put* ***W****ater therein.*

* Cf*. That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the* ***W****ashing of* ***W****ater by the* ***W****ord* Eph. 5:26

Note: ***W****ashing* is Gk. ***L****outron*, cf. **L**aver.

1. The Way enters into the ***Presence of God*** via the Holy Place and into the **Holy of Holies**: Heb. 9:24
* Cf. *For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true;*

 *but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:*

* Ct.Jesus is the Only Way – *No man cometh unto the Father but by Me.* Jn. 14:6
1. **Jesus is the Way Into the Holy of Holies (*Holiest of All*)**

 Thus, *After the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; which had…* Heb. 9:3, 4

1. *the ark of the covenant…wherein…*
2. *was the golden pot that had manna* cf. ***I am the living Bread*** Jn. 6:51; 6:36
3. *and Aaron's rod that budded* cf. *Jesus said…****I am the resurrection, and the Life****:* Jn. 11:25
4. *and the tables of the covenant* cf.***I am… the Truth.*** Jn. 14:6
* Cf. *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory,*

*the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and* ***Truth****.*

* *Sanctify them through Thy* ***truth****: thy word is* ***Truth****.* Jn. 17:17
1. and the Mercy Seat – *Thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark;* Exo. 25:21

 *and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee*.

* Jesus is the **Mercy Seat** (Gk. *hilastērion = propitiation lit., mercy seat)* Strong
	+ 1. *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare*

*His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;* Rom. 3:25

1. *He is the propitiation for our sins…not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.* I Jn. 2:2
2. *Herein is love…that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.* I Jn. 4:10

Conclusion and Summary: **Hebrews 8:1-5 (NKJV)** See below.

*THE holiest we enter In perfect peace with God;
Through whom we found our centre In Jesus and His blood:
Though great may be our dullness In thought and word and deed,
We glory in the fulness Of Him that meets our need.*

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 857**

1. **Conclusion and Summary: Hebrews 8:1-5 (NKJV)**
*1  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, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.
3  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;
5  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."*

Jesus is indeed the Living Tabernacle so perfectly pictured and patterned in the old tabernacle in periods past. Study the passage above and see how our Lord fulfilled the requirements for the services in the Tabernacle as the High Priest below, and now in heaven above, with His once-and-for-all Sacrifice of Himself.

Unlike the high priest of old who had to offer sacrifices for sins annually and repeatedly, He offered Himself and by Himself His Once-for-all Offering for our sins and with His blood He entered into Heaven (the Holiest of All) to be the Propitiation for our sins and is now seated on the right hand of God, having finished the work of our redemption.

Heb. 7:25-27 – *Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this He did once, when He offered up Himself.*

Such is our High Priest in Heaven!

What do you think of Him as your High Priest in the Holy of Holies in Heaven today?

 **REFLECT.**

1. **Revelation 21:3** *- And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,*

 *Behold, the* ***tabernacle*** *of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and*

 *they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

Finally, a new Heaven and a new Earth will be Created Celestially.

There will be no more Corruption as with the old earth:

**Genesis 6:11,** 12 - *The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled*

 *with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold,*

 *it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.*

 All Creation will be Changed – the Old will be Burnt up…

**II Peter 3:10 -** *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;*

 *in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise,*

 *and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also*

 *and the works that are therein shall be burned up*.

 And a new Creation will Come into Being:

 **Revelation 21:1-2** - *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:*

 *for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;*

 *and there was no more sea.*

 *And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God*

 *out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

 Finally, the True Tabernacle will come into being.

 **Revelation 21:3** - *Behold,* ***the tabernacle of God*** *is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

Hallelujah, may God be Praised - He is Glorious!

 What a Wonderful Prospect lies before us. **REFLECT**.

**Points To Ponder:** *Jesus was God’s* ***L****iving* ***T****abernacle on Earth* (Jn. 1:14);

 *And we are God’s* ***L****iving* ***T****emple here and now!* (I Cor. 3:16)