

# THE TRUE TABERNACLE—THE HEAVENLY THRONE

## HEBREWS 8:1-6

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: Previously you saw the appointment and the qualifications of Jesus, your High Priest. In this lesson, you see the ministry of Jesus as your High Priest.

***IS WHERE JESUS IS SEATED*** at the right hand of God. This is not a physical location but rather a position of equal authority. This place of highest honor is where Jesus is making merciful intercession for us and writing acquittals for us. See John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Hebrews*, p. 207. (**Hebrews 8:1, Hebrews 7:25, fn 7:25, I John 2:1, 2, fn 2:1, 2, fn 2:2, Romans 8:31-39, fn 8:34**) *How has Jesus made intercession for you today?*

***IS THE ONE THE LORD MADE.*** The man-built tabernacle was only a shadow, a copy, and a rough prototype of the magnificent God-built heavenly throne. God built the earthly tabernacle for a place for His Presence to dwell with His people under the Old Covenant. Now His presence on earth, His earthly tabernacle, is in believers in which He lives. In the New Covenant that Jesus instituted, the places that we call houses of worship or sanctuaries are not God's house. His earthly tabernacle is located in God's people. (**Hebrews 8:2-5, fn 8:5, Hebrews 9:24, fn 9:24, Hebrews 3:6, II Corinthians 6:16, fn 6:16, John 14:15-21, fn 14:15, 16**) *How are you God's earthly tabernacle?*

***IS WHERE JESUS MEDIATES*** the superior covenant. The cross ended the need for the Old Covenant, the old tabernacle, and the old priesthood. Christ's sacrifice for sin began His role as my High Priest. My High Priest now also lives in me in the person of the Holy Spirit; and I am not only forgiven, but I am being changed more and more into His likeness as I surrender my will to his and set my heart and mind on Him. (**Hebrews 8:6, 13, Hebrews 7:18, 19, fn 7:18, 19, I Timothy 2:5, 6, Hebrews 4:14-16, fn 4:14, Colossians 3:1-4, fn 3:1, 2, II Corinthians 3:18, fn 3:18**) *Why is Jesus the only mediator between you and God?*

*As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God's majesty and glory?*