

Ready to Serve Him

Relevant Bible Verses: Hebrews 9:1-14 ; Romans 7:18-19 ; 1 Peter 5:8 ; John 10:10 ; 1 John 1:7 ; Revelation 12:11

Message Notes:

- In this new year, we need to be on-task and ready to serve, no matter where God takes us.
- Cherubim of Glory (glory being, in the original meaning, *opinion*) were specifically placed to glorify God in the tabernacle. Their presence *testified* of God's glory.
- Where God places us also glorifies him; everything is specifically placed.
- In the Bible, the limitations of the Holy Places are shown. They were built to be temporary, shown to us by the Holy Spirit to be a representation of the barrier that existed between man and God. None were worthy to enter in his presence in the Holy of Holies. Gifts and sacrifices were a way to make the people outwardly clean, and to take away punishment, but they were not enough to clear their consciences. But then came Jesus.
- Christ Jesus comes as the High Priest for a more perfect and greater tabernacle: Jesus Himself. *We*, through Jesus, are also tabernacles of God's presence in the new order. He enters the Holiest place, once and for all, the curtain is torn, the barrier between outer and inner rooms is removed, and now all may enter due to Jesus' blood and perfect sacrifice.
- Why did he do this? He did this so that we may serve the living God. Due to Jesus' sacrifice, we are *cleansed*. We have a hard time believing this sometimes, but we need to grasp what God has done. Because of what he has done, there is *nothing* to condemn you.
- We are our own worst enemies. We condemn ourselves, see ourselves as insufficient, but Jesus tells us our condemnations are gone. This includes self-condemnation.
- We are all capable and qualified to do as God asks, no matter what we may believe about it. He has given us EVERYTHING we need. We want to see God more in our lives, but we also should want to serve God. We need more than just blessing from God as our own job is to serve.
- Our purpose is not just to sit around and wait for God to move, but to go out and serve him, made ready to do so because of the miracle of Jesus on the cross.
- We have an enemy. Remember that and remember that he is the father of lies. We have been redeemed, wholly and completely, and we do not need to listen to him.