

## Hebrews 8.4

### New place, new pattern, new people

It is not possible for Messiah be the priest for the whole of all redeemed mankind if His priesthood was of the temple. For He is not a priest of the tribe of Levi, and no one not of the tribe of Levi is permitted to serve the temple. Further, no one except Israel could come into the temple and find mercy there; for none but Jewish males were permitted to worship fully. Thus, the place and pattern of the new priesthood had to be changed so that the full people of God could be brought into the family of God...

*“For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.” (Romans 11:25, NKJV)*

The problem is plain, God purposed to save a people of all nations, all tribes and all tongues... but the OT law and covenant excluded all but Israel, and while a proselyte could worship, they were never to go past the court of the gentiles... they were not Israel, they were not family. How is a priest to minister to those

who are by their very birth, outside? So, what is a man bound to the temple and the physical reality to do for those who are outside? Nothing.

## I. GOD ELECTED FROM ALL

A. The relevance of the distinction here in Hebrews is to demonstrate that the purpose of God would be accomplished in the salvation of **all** the elect...

*“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”” (Revelation 5:8–10, NKJV)*

*“I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this*

*fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.”*  
*(John 10:14–16, NKJV)*

- B. The work of God was never intended to be exclusively Jewish
- C. The work of God was never intended to be finally in the Jewish temple. The OT covenant and methods of worship have passed away. The feasts, the sacrifices and the rites of the Jewish worship all pointed to Christ. And in His coming, they are fulfilled and NO LONGER are the command for coming to God. They were NEVER for the Gentiles.
  - 1. The movement in part of the church to act more Jewish denies Christ.
  - 2. The practice in the churches of Jewish believers to continue in the practices and rites except as an illustration of Christ, or an ethnic celebration of memorial denies Christ.

## **II. THE TEMPLE EXCLUDES**

- A. Priests and temple for Israel

1. The children of the house of Israel were the children of the covenant
2. The ministry of the law belonged to them
3. They had an access to God that was unique and special
4. They belonged to God in a way that no outsider could ever understand

B. Gentiles are outside

1. Even a convert could never fully belong
2. They were not permitted into the sanctuary

*“Thus says the Lord God: “No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart or uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter My sanctuary, including any foreigner who is among the children of Israel.” (Ezekiel 44:9, NKJV)*

3. He was forever kept apart
4. He was forever a second rate citizen of the covenant

C. The worship of Israel could never be fully for a Gentile.

**Ephesians 2.12-22**

1. They were alien, not naturally of the distinctives and directives of Israel
2. Strangers - from elsewhere both in nature and birth. Having their own customs that are

natural to them, and having ideas and notions that do not rest easily with Israel by nature.

3. Enemies of God and of Israel - God's laws are not natural to man. Even the native born Israelite defies them and rebels against them...

**Rom 2.17-24**

### **III. MESSIAH'S RULE NOT EARTHLY**

**Isaiah 42.1-9**

#### **A. Justice for the Gentiles**

1. This is not earthly justice,
2. This is justice and righteousness in our relationship to God

#### **B. Will cause his voice to be heard in the streets**

1. His purpose is not the establishment of the world's agenda
2. Not proving His case in the court of public opinion.
3. He came to do the work His father sent Him to do... and this meant that He was not about the things of this life and this world...

**John 5:17-21**

*“Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.” Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, “I find no fault in Him at all.”” (John 18:36–38)*

#### **IV. MESSIAHS PRIESTHOOD NOT EARTHLY**

##### **A. Christ's ministry not of the temple**

##### **1. He is not Levite**

**a. He did not participate in the service of the temple**

**b. This was reserved for Israel**

**c. Christ came to save the elect both of Israel and the Gentile nations.**

##### **2. He is Judah**

**a. This is the kingly tribe,**

- b. He rules over His own as He rules over all creation.
- c. He has demonstrated and exercised His own power and authority in saving us and creating willing hearts within us.

**Psalm 110.3**

- 3. His ministry does not overlap the ministry of Levi, It supersedes it.

**Psalm 110.4-7**

- B. He has no place in the physical system
  - 1. Never slew a sacrifice
  - 2. Never offered incense
  - 3. Never gave nor ate the shewbread
  - 4. Never confessed the sin over the scapegoat
- C. He completed every act in the heavenly (real) system
  - 1. Became the sacrifice offered

*“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

*(Mark 10:45, NKJV)*

- 2. Offers the prayers of the people

*“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,”*

*(1 Timothy 2:5–6, NKJV)*

*“Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.”*

*(Romans 8:34, NKJV)*

*“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.”*

*(Revelation 5:8, 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. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel’s hand.”*

*(Revelation 8:3–4, NKJV)*

3. He IS the bread that came down from heaven,

4. He is the bread of life

**John 6.32-40**

**John 6.47-51**

5. He became our sin



*“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21, NKJV)*

6. He IS the scapegoat and the atoning sacrifice both...

D. The reverse is also true; the earthly system no longer has any place in the real

**Hebrews 13.10-16**

## **V. THE REAL IS FOR ALL**

A. The Jew is as much an outsider in the real as the Gentile

*“What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.””*

*(Romans 3:9–12, NKJV)*

B. No man belongs in the holiest place

*“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”*  
*(Romans 3:23, NKJV)*

C. God has brought us all in by the blood of the Lamb

*“Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.”*  
*(Romans 3:27–31, NKJV)*

D. He has adopted us as sons and daughters of the most high

*“For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”*

*(Romans 8:13–17, NKJV)*

E.He is forever faithful to honor His covenant