

# The Sanctuary: The Most Holy Place, pt. 1

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Join us tomorrow at 9 AM on Zoom for Sermon Essentials to dive deeper into today's message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be part of the discussion.

Text: Exodus 26:33 And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy *place* and the Most Holy.

## In the Most Holy Place

Reference verses: Exodus 25:10-22

1. What are some of the reasons that the Most Holy place was the central focus of the Sanctuary and its services?

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“The ark was the central figure of the entire sanctuary. The broken law contained in the ark was the only reason for all the sacrificial services, both typical and antitypical. When the Lord gave directions for making the sanctuary, His first instruction was, ‘They shall make an ark...’” – S.N. Haskell, *The Cross and Its Shadow*, 45.

A place of glorification.

## Ark of the Testimony

Reference verses: Exodus 37:1-2; Revelation 11:19

2. How do these verses show emphasize the fact that the Ark of the Testimony or Covenant was the only article of furniture found in the Most Holy place?

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## Mercy Seat

Reference verses: Exodus 37:6; Daniel 7:9-10; Hebrews 9:5

3. What did you learn about the role of the mercy from the verses above?

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Reference verses: 1 Samuel 6:13-19

4. How does the story of the men of Beth Shemesh show the importance of mercy in approaching the throne of God?

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### *Cherubim*

Reference verses: Exodus 37:7-9

5. Why is all the universe represented in the hammered angels on the Ark of the Testimony?

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Reference verses: Ezekiel 28:11-19

6. Who do the angels on the Ark of the Testimony represent?

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### *The Shekinah Glory*

Reference verses: Exodus 25:8, 22; 29:45-46; Genesis 3:24

7. Although the word shekinah is not found in the Bible, how do these verses help you understand God's desire to be with His children? How is Genesis 3:24 similar to John 3:16?

"So He drove out the man; and He tabernacled [He shekinahed] at the east of the garden of Eden with cherubims; and a glittering, flickering flame turned every way to keep the way about the tree of life." – Sarah Peck, *Path to the Throne of God*, 171.

8. What can be understood about the nature of the light in the Sanctuary from the following quote?

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"As the inner veil of the sanctuary did not extend to the top of the building, the glory of God, which was manifested above the mercy seat, was partially visible from the first apartment." – Ellen White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 353.