“The Earthly Sanctuary”

Intro: With the Author of Hebrews having introduced Jesus as the __________ of the Better Covenant which was enacted upon better promises, and having shown why the promises upon which the New Covenant is established are __________, he now moves to show that the earthly tabernacle of the Old Covenant was but a copy and a shadow, a mere foretaste of the glory that is to be realized in Jesus as He is the Great High Priest who ministers at the right hand of the Majesty on High in the true heavenly tabernacle of the New Covenant.

A. To be sure, by no means has the Author degraded the _____ Covenant but in showing that it promised a New and Better Covenant that has been realized in Jesus, he thus reveals the obsolescence of the Old Covenant as it has had its laws, types and shadows __________ in Christ.

B. As Albert Barnes wrote, “The essential point is, that the former ... was mere shadow, type, or figure, and that the __________ was _____ and efficacious.”

Heb 9:1-5
1 Now even the first covenant had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary. 2 For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place. 3 And behind the second veil, there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, 4 having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant. 5 And above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

I. In His giving of the ______ covenant God regulated the divine worship and construction and furnishing of the ______ sanctuary.

A. The earthly _________________ was directly associated with the first and now _____ Covenant as regulated by God.

1. As the _________________ is directly and undeniably associated with the first covenant and with the first covenant made obsolete so then has God made the tabernacle and the things of it ____________.

2. The Old is not obsolete because the _____ contradicts it, but as God ordained the New _____________ it. The New is not opposed to the Old but the compliment of it, the crown of it, the reality of what it shadowed. In this God made the _____ obsolete.

B. God had great _____________ in the first covenant giving the regulations for divine worship and the earthly tabernacle. And what was His divine purpose? To point the people to the coming Messiah, who has come in __________ who fulfilled the Old.
II. In speaking of the Old Covenant __________ tabernacle and its furnishings, the Author immediately brings to mind the __________ nature of it, undeniably showing that it has been made obsolete.

A. __________ is that earthly tabernacle now? It is __ __________.

B. __________ is the earthly lampstand of gold, the earthly table of acacia wood overlaid with gold, and the twelve earthly loaves of bread? “Hebrews, for your salvation _______ trust yourself to the ministry that revolved around those objects?”

C. Where now is that second __________ veil and the earthly Holy of Holies that lay beyond __

D. Where is the earthly golden alter of incense, the earthly Ark of the Covenant covered on all sides with gold, the earthly golden jar holding the manna, Aaron’s earthly budded rod, the earthly tables of the covenant, and the earthly gold cherubim of glory and the earthly mercy seat? If someone is going to trust in these things to bring them near to God then they had better find them very quickly! But they can’t be found for _______ not, having been made __________ by God Himself. There is a New and Better Covenant enacted on better promises of which Jesus is the Mediator!

Closing: As marvelous as they were, we need no earthly lampstand of gold, or golden table and sacred bread, or golden alter of incense, or Ark of the Covenant covered with gold within and without, or gold cherubim or earthly mercy seat fashion of gold, or the golden jar of manna, or Aaron’s budded rod, or the tables of the covenant for in ______ we have the ________! ...

Beautiful as the tabernacle and all its furnishing were in its season, that season has come to an end and so do we live in the ____________ of the _______ Covenant of Jesus Christ!

Do you want shadows and copies and types? Do you want to be cut off from God, kept away by veils and cherubim? Or will you trust in Christ? ________ is the Mediator of the New and He ______ forever all who draw near to God through Him. No earthly tabernacle for us who believe, but the true and heavenly tabernacle is ours in Christ Jesus where we can boldly ________ to the throne room of God!