

Message Two

**The Ministry of Christ
as the Minister of the True, the Heavenly, Tabernacle**

Scripture Reading: Heb. 8:2, 6, 10-11; 7:22; 9:15

- I. The ascended Christ is a “Minister of the holy places, even of the true tabernacle”—Heb. 8:2:**
- A. Christ, as a Minister of the true (heavenly) tabernacle, ministers heaven (which is not only a place but also a condition of life) into us.
 - B. The present Christ, who is now in the heavens as our Minister, is ministering to us the heavenly life, grace, authority, and power and sustaining us to live a heavenly life on earth as He did when He was here—1:3; 4:14; 7:26; 9:24.
 - C. The heavenly Christ is ministering in the tabernacle “which the Lord pitched, not man”—8:2:
 - 1. This tabernacle, this sanctuary, is in the third heaven, in which is the heavenly Holy of Holies.
 - 2. The heavenly Holy of Holies, where Christ is ministering on our behalf, is connected to our spirit—4:12.
 - 3. Christ’s ministry in the heavens takes care of our need—v. 15:
 - a. From the heavens Christ ministers Himself to us as food, as our life supply, in the way of dispensing.
 - b. As our Minister takes care of our needs, He carries out God’s economy—Eph. 1:10.
- II. Whatever Christ carries out as the heavenly Minister, He applies to us as the Spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17:**
- A. The supply we need comes from the Christ who is both the Lord in the heavens and the Spirit within us—Acts 2:36; Rom. 8:11.
 - B. Now we may experience Him in all His functions as the ascended One—Heb. 1:3; 9:24; 12:2.
 - C. As the heavenly Minister He transmits what we need from God the Father, who is the source, into our spirit to supply and sustain us.
- III. In His heavenly ministry as the Minister of the true tabernacle, Christ is serving God’s people with the bequests, the blessings, of the new testament—7:22; 8:6, 10-11; 9:15:**
- A. As our heavenly Minister with a more excellent ministry, Christ is carrying out the better covenant—7:22:
 - 1. He does this by making the facts of the new covenant effective.
 - 2. Every fact in the new covenant is made effective by the heavenly Minister with His more excellent ministry—9:15; 8:6.
 - B. Whatever is a fact in the new covenant is a bequest in the new testament; Christ, the heavenly minister, is executing the bequests in the new testament—9:15-17; 10:16-18.

IV. In His heavenly ministry Christ as our High Priest is interceding for us—7:25:

- A. Christ as our High Priest undertakes our case by interceding for us.
- B. He appears before God on our behalf and prays for us that we may be saved to the uttermost and brought fully into God's eternal purpose:
 - 1. Christ can save us to the uttermost because He is living not only in the heavens but also in us—Col. 3:1; 1:27; Rom. 8:34, 10.
 - 2. He is living in the heavens to intercede for us and take care of our case, but the reality of this is transmitted into our spirit by His Spirit.
 - 3. While He is living in the heavens, He is transmitting Himself into us.
- C. We need to see a vision of Christ in His heavenly ministry and learn to experience and enjoy Him as our High Priest.