

# The FORERUNNER

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"When God made promise to Abraham, because He could swear by none greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely with blessing I will bless you, and with multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men truly swear by one greater; and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Likewise God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath; so that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us; which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters into that-place within the veil; where the Forerunner has entered into for us, even Jesus, being made a High Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." (Hebrews 6:13-20)

**Forerunner:** from the Greek word: *prodromos* which means: "a precursor, forerunner, advance guard; (from **pro**, "before" and **dromos**, "a race-course"); properly, a person running ahead (a forerunner) to reach the destination before others; i.e. arriving safely in advance for the benefit of others who also need to get there."

**Forerunner:** A person or thing that precedes the coming or development of someone or something else.

**Veil:** Refers to the large wall-to-wall curtain that separated the two main rooms of the ancient Jewish Temple. The first room was called the Holy Place, and the innermost room was called the Most Holy Place (or the Holy of Holies). The Ark of the Covenant was placed in the Most Holy Place. (See Exodus 26:31-34).

Consider also these verses:

"Truly the first covenant also had ordinances of divine service, and a earthly Sanctuary. For there was made a tabernacle; the first-place, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the showbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All: which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, .... Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the Second-place went the High Priest alone once every year, and not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people. The Holy Spirit is signifying this: that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing; which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him who did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; which stood only in foods and drinks, and various washings, and fleshly ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But when Christ came as a High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; nor by the blood of goats and calves, **but by His own blood He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.** For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctified to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:1-14)

"It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. **For Christ has not entered into a Holy place made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;** ...; so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many; and unto those who look for Him, He shall appear a second time without sin for salvation. (Hebrews 9:23-28)

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It is as Jesus Himself said:

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; so that where I am (the most Holy Place), there you may be also. And where I go you know; and the way you know. But Thomas said unto Him, "Lord, we do not know not where You are going; so how can we know the way?" Jesus said unto him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man comes unto the Father, but through Me.**" (John 14:1-6)

"All who the Father gives Me shall come to Me; and he who comes to Me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the Father's will who has sent Me, that of all whom He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again on the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that every one who beholds the Son, and believes on Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:37-40)

"Afterward (after Jesus rose from the dead) He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at mealtime, and reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said unto them, "Go you into all the world, and preach the gospel to all creation. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he who does not believe shall be condemned. .... **So then after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.**" (Mark 16:14-19)

And Paul wrote:

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so those also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we always be with the Lord.**" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)

Thus, **Jesus is our Forerunner** who has first entered into the Most Holy Place, into Heaven itself; where He sits in the presence of the Father interceding for us; and where He is also preparing dwelling places for us. And He shall come again for those of us who look forward both to His coming, and our reception into Heaven, **to be there forever with Jesus!**

## JESUS IS ...

the Forerunner

who has entered into the most Holy Place of Heaven;  
where He intercedes for us in the presence of God!  
and where He has prepared a place for us in the Kingdom of Heaven!  
and where we will be with Jesus forever!

Thank you Lord Jesus for the blessed hope of eternal life with You in your Kingdom!  
Thank You Jesus for interceding for me, for us, in the presence of the Father!

All praise to you – always and always - Amen!