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## The Perfect House

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**TODAY'S READING:** Hebrews 9

What is the perfect house for you? In a world of Home and Garden Television (HGTV) and Pinterest, as well as many magazines, we are constantly given others' ideas of a perfect house. I personally would love to live in a log cabin on the lake or on a bunch of land somewhere. I know discontentment is something we can easily fall into, but it is a fun conversation for you and your spouse. You can dream what would be the perfect house while raising kids or when you retire, etc. That is not what this devotion is about but a fun conversation for sure.

The perfect house we are looking at today does not come from HGTV or Pinterest or a magazine. It comes from God's Word in Hebrews 9. In verses 1-10 we see God's first house, the Tabernacle. There are details about where everything was placed and the most important room. The most important room was the Holy of Holies or the Most Holy Place. There were sacrifices in the outer areas of the Tabernacle and within the Holy of Holies. Only the high priest was allowed to go behind the veil that represented the separation of God and man. Sin prevented man from going into the Holy of Holies. Only high priests, once a year, were able to go in with many procedures and sacrifices. High priests alternated, and all of them were sinful humans who sought to represent us to God and sacrifice for man's sins.

So what is the perfect house? Hebrews 9:11 refers to it. It is not physically made with human hands. It is more about the priest and who will live in the house. Hebrews 9:12 states, *"and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all time, having obtained eternal redemption."* The point is Jesus Christ, the perfect High Priest, died for our sins once for all time. He, who was perfect, died in our place so we can receive His perfection (2 Corinthians 5:21) and, therefore, enter heaven. What is the perfect house? Heaven, where God is, where Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God. And do we need a priest or an architect or a contractor to get the perfect house? No, we have the perfect High Priest, Jesus Christ, who has prepared a place for us in the perfect house with God.

**PRAYER:** God, help me dream of the place I will one day call home, heaven. Help me enjoy the things of God on earth so I can appreciate my new heavenly home to come.

**TOMORROW'S READING: Hebrews 10**

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