

Sacred Spaces

I. What is “Sacred Space” and why mountains?

sacred space as any place God _____ to make holy by His manifested presence. Think of it as the _____ of heaven and earth, where God reveals Himself and people respond in worship, fear, obedience, or faith.

II. The Ancient Worldview: Mountains as “cosmic”

Mountains become “_____” early in the storyline, not because dirt is special, but because **God comes down and dwells there.**

III. Eden: the original sacred space

- A. Eden described like a _____
 - 1. **Genesis 2:8-10**
- B. Eden was God’s _____
 - 1. **Genesis 3:8**
- C. Cherubim _____ the Garden
 - 1. **Genesis 3:24**

Eden imagery connects three things:

- 1. God’s _____,
- 2. _____ access
- 3. _____ patterns.

IV. The Burning Bush: Holy Ground on Horeb

- A. Sacred space begins with God’s _____ .

Exodus 3:2; 5-6; 14 -

- (Guarded Space) God sets a _____, “Don’t come closer”.
- Sacred space in the Old Testament is often where God _____ people into mission,

V. Sinai: Sacred Space with boundaries, covenant, and fear

Exodus 19–20

“Aslan isn’t _____, but he’s _____.”

- God set boundaries around Sinai - **Exodus 19:12**
- Again, we see Sinai is a _____ - _____ scene
- The boundary is _____, not punitive
- Moses becomes central as the _____.

VI. The _____ Seat: the mountain “_____” into Israel’s camp

Exodus 25:17–22

The Mercy Seat on the ark of the covenant, “Between the cherubim” functions as more throne room imagery: God meets, speaks, and guides from that place.

VII. The Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1–8

Sacred space reaches a turning point: revelation is now centered on _____.

- The cloud/voice echoes Sinai patterns, but the command is different: **not** “keep back,” but “_____ *to Him.*”
- Moses and Elijah represent the _____ and _____ as witnesses to fulfillment of the promise of restoration.
- At Sinai, the cloud was dark and hid God, now the cloud is bright and _____ Him at the mount of transfiguration.

VIII. Jesus is the _____ sacred space (tabernacling presence)

Sacred space is no longer merely a place. It is a Person.

John 1:14; 2:19-21

IX. The Church shares in sacred space now

Hebrews 12:18, 22–24; 1 Corinthians 3:16

In Christ, God's _____ are brought near. Sacred space expands through the people of God.

The _____ is now a people.

XI. The New Jerusalem: sacred space completed and global

Revelation 21:2–3, 10, 22; Revelation 22:3–4

The Bible doesn't end with us spending eternity some place in space or beyond. The true and real sacred space comes to us, filling the renewed creation.

God's _____ is with man - Revelation 21:1:3

The New _____ - Revelation 21:10

No _____ - Revelation 21:22

We Come Full Circle to the Garden - Rev 22:1-3