

**Experience Gods' presence by learning Gods' pattern for worship. Given to Moses and fulfilled by Jesus!**

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## Scriptural foundation

EX 25:8 "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. <sup>9</sup> Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

EX 40:33 Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work.

EX 40:34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

HEB 9:1 Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. <sup>2</sup> A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand, the table and the consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. <sup>3</sup> Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, <sup>4</sup> which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. <sup>5</sup> Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.

HEB 9:6 When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. <sup>7</sup> But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. <sup>8</sup> The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still standing. <sup>9</sup> This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. <sup>10</sup> They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings--external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

1CO 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? ...1 Cor. 6<sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you

Lets take a look at the average church service on Sunday morning. We wear our best suit and sit on our favorite pew We give money in the offering, say a prayer, sing a song, read from the Bible and occasionally make a trip to the altar to have a little personal time with God.

Where did we get these traditions and what do they mean? Is there a greater purpose to the routines we repeat week after week? The 1st chapter in the book of Isaiah, confronts worshipers who are going through the motions for the sake of tradition. He says, Who asked this of you? What is the purpose of all this?

It may surprise you that most of our actions are rooted in the pattern of worship that God gave Moses for the Tabernacle. It's not enough to know what we do but why we do it.

The basic elements of worship include sacrifice, sanctification, revelation, and more. Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice, He sanctifies us, He reveals His word to us and He intercedes for us. He has fulfilled this plan for worship and

gives meaning and purpose to the practice of our faith.

## Deliverance -

<sup>EX 3:7</sup> The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey

<sup>EX 14:13</sup> Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

<sup>Lev.26:13</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.

<sup>Jn. 8: 32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

<sup>JN 8:33</sup> They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

<sup>JN 8:34</sup> Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

<sup>MK 5:1</sup> They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup> When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him. <sup>3</sup> This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. <sup>4</sup> For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and **cut himself** with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. <sup>7</sup> He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!" <sup>8</sup> For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!"

<sup>2 Cor 1:10</sup> He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will **deliver** us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to **deliver** us,

Entrance

The next step in the total experience of the tabernacle is to simply show up and enter in. The word Tabernacle means "dwelling". If we are going to dwell together with God, we must meet Him where He is. There was only one way into the tent, just as it is in Heaven. Jesus is the only way, the Truth, and the Life.

Jesus said, "I will build my church," therefore, He expects believers to fellowship with one another. He also said to, "go out and compel others to come in." Let's make a new commitment to show up in God's house and enter in to the worship experience.

*SONG - I WILL ENTER HIS GATES*

*WITH THANKSGIVING IN MY HEART*

*I WILL ENTER HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE*

*I WILL SAY THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD*

*HAS MADE I WILL REJOICE FOR HE HAS*

*MADE ME GLAD, HE HAS MADE ME GLAD,*

*HE HAS MADE ME GLAD, I WILL REJOICE FOR*

*HE HAS MADE ME GLAD*

### **Entering His Gates**

PS 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

PS 122:1 I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.

MT 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup> But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

LK 13:22 Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, <sup>24</sup> "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. <sup>25</sup> Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.'

"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

JN 10:1 "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. <sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.

JN 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Heb.10:<sup>25</sup> Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another

Rev. 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

A Sacrifice is the forfeiture of something highly valued for the sake of something with higher value. There is a difference between offerings and sacrifices. Consider the chicken and the pig who gave breakfast to the farmer. If they served bacon and eggs, one would give an offering

while the other has to make a sacrifice!

Animal sacrifices seem so primitive, so brutal, bloody and cruel. But let's take a look at what really happened and why. We cannot give an offering to appease the consequence of sin. This requires a sacrifice. The Bible says without the shedding of blood, there is no remission for sin. Sin cannot be taken lightly, it cannot be negotiated, there must be consequences. The second thing to understand about the animal sacrifice is that it was not violent and cruel. It was done in a humane and respectful manner. It was a kosher killing. The meat was not wasted and the animals death was not in vain.

*SONG: WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE*

*INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD*

*WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE*

*INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD*

*AND WE OFFER UP TO YOU*

*THE SACRIFICES OF THANKSGIVING*

*AND WE OFFER UP TO YOU*

*THE SACRIFICES OF PRAISE*

**Bringing a sacrifice -**

<sup>GE 22:2</sup> Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. **Sacrifice** him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

<sup>GE 22:8</sup> Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

<sup>GE 22:12</sup> "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

<sup>LEV 9:7</sup> Moses said to Aaron, "Come to the altar and **sacrifice** your sin offering and your burnt offering and make atonement for yourself and the people; **sacrifice** the offering that is for the people and make atonement for them, as the LORD has commanded." So Aaron came to the altar and slaughtered the calf as a sin offering for himself. <sup>9</sup> His sons brought the blood to him, and he dipped his finger into the blood and put it on the horns of the altar; the rest of the blood he poured out at the base of the altar.

<sup>HEB 10:8</sup> First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" (although the law required them to be made). <sup>9</sup> Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>13</sup> Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, <sup>14</sup> because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

HEB 13:15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

RO 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

Then there was the ceremonial washing. The priest stood before the bronze laver, otherwise known as the wash basin, and cleaned himself from the sacrifice. This washing was the beginning of what we know today as water baptism. The Bible speaks of the washing of the water of the word, which means that He cleanses us and sanctifies us from those things in the world that make us unclean. This world brings on feelings of a dirty heart. Sometimes through secular music, movies, inappropriate jokes, or a hundred other sources. We become impure and need a spiritual bath.

A ceremony or ritual will never change us, but if we let God's word purify our minds and hearts then these outward examples can represent the inward work. The Bible says, without Holiness, no man can see God.

*SONG:*

*O THE BLOOD OF JESUS*

*O THE BLOOD OF JESUS*

*O THE BLOOD OF JESUS*

*IT WASHES WHITE AS SNOW*

### **Sanctification**

<sup>18</sup> "Make a bronze basin, with its bronze stand, for **washing**. Place it between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and put water in it. <sup>19</sup> Aaron and his sons are to wash their hands and feet with water from it. <sup>20</sup> Whenever they enter the Tent of Meeting, they shall wash with water so that they will not die.

PS 51:7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
**wash me**, and I will be whiter than snow.

JN 3:22 After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. <sup>23</sup> Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized. An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial **washing**.

Jn. 13:5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' **feet**, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my **feet**?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my **feet**." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my **feet** but my hands and my head as well!"

Jn. 15: <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

<sup>1CO 6:9</sup> Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? . <sup>11</sup> And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Eph. 5:<sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

By reading and praying we are truly asking for a revelation from God. Our human understanding of God has basically left us in the dark. Inside the inner courtroom there was no fluorescent light or halogen bulbs to reveal the table of bread only a few feet away. The priest would light a seven branch lampstand called the Menorah. It represented light, and the light revealed the rest of God's plan. Didn't he tell us that we are the light of the world? Let's let our light shine before men.

*SONG:*

*THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET*

*AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH*

*WHEN I FEEL AFRAID*

*THINK I'VE LOST MY WAY*

*STILL YOU'RE THERE RIGHT BESIDE ME*

*AND NOTHING WILL I FEAR*

*AS LONG AS YOU ARE NEAR*

*PLEASE BE NEAR ME TO THE END*

**Revelation—**

<sup>EX 25:31</sup> "Make a **lampstand** of pure gold and hammer it out,

<sup>EX 25:37</sup> "Then make its seven lamps and set them up on it so that they light the space in front of it. <sup>38</sup> Its wick trimmers and trays are to be of pure gold. <sup>39</sup> A talent of pure gold is to be used for the **lampstand** and all these accessories.

PS 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

2SA 22:29 You are my lamp, O LORD;  
the LORD turns my darkness into light.

PR 6:23 For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light,

MT 16:15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

MT 16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

MT 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before men,

JN 16:12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you

AC 9:17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord--Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here--has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again.

Next was a table of 12 loaves of unleavened bread. They called this the Showbread. It was an offering that the priests ate once a week. When we pray the Lord's prayer, we recite the words "give us this day our daily bread," but what does that really mean? Each of us have needs and desires. We also have a "God shaped vacuum" in our soul that can only be filled by Him. Unfortunately, we try to get our needs met through other people and material things, but to no avail.

The more we meditate on heavenly things, the more he fills us. And The more he fills us with Himself, the less we hunger for the things of the world.

*SONG: HUNGRY I COME TO YOU*

*FOR I KNOW YOU SATISFY*

*I AM EMPTY BUT I KNOW*

*YOUR LOVE DOES NOT RUN DRY*

*AND SO I WAIT, FOR YOU, SO I WAIT, FOR YOU*

*I'M FALLING ON MY KNEES,*

*OFFERING ALL OF ME*



## *JESUS YOU'RE ALL THIS HEART IS LIVING FOR*

### **Bread of life -**

LEV 24:5 "Take fine flour and bake twelve loaves of **bread**, using two-tenths of an ephah for each loaf. <sup>6</sup> Set them in two rows, six in each row, on the table of pure gold before the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Along each row put some pure incense as a memorial portion to represent the **bread** and to be an offering made to the LORD by fire. <sup>8</sup> This **bread** is to be set out before the LORD regularly,

Exod. 25: <sup>30</sup> Put the **bread** of the Presence on this table to be before me at all times.

Matt. 4: <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become **bread**." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on **bread** alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

MT 6:11 Give us today our daily **bread**.

JN 6:35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the **bread of life**. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

MT 26:26 While they were eating, Jesus took **bread**, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

John 6:51 I am the living **bread** that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this **bread**, he will live forever. This **bread** is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

<sup>58</sup> This is the **bread** that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this **bread** will live forever."

According to the dictionary, atmosphere is created by a dominant tone. It is an attitude related to the surroundings, or a mood enhanced by distinctive feelings in a specific setting. It was important to present a sacred environment, but there must have been a terrible odor from the sacrifices going on in the outer court. The burning incense was a sweet smelling aroma lifted up to bless the Lord. The scripture teaches us that our prayers are offered up to God in very much the same way. As God listens, he receives our requests and our thanksgiving as an aroma sent up for his approval.

A praying church is a church with a pleasant, and inviting atmosphere.

*SONG: PRAYER GENTLY LIFTS ME*

*TO HIGHEST HEAVEN*

*FROM EARTH'S CONFUSION*

*TO JESUS' BREAST; MY SIN AND WEAKNESS,*

*MY DOUBT AND SORROW,*

*ARE LOST FOR EVER IN SWEETEST REST.*

### **Aroma of Prayer**

EX 30:1 "Make an altar of acacia wood for burning **incense**.

EX 30:7 "Aaron must burn fragrant **incense** on the altar every morning when he tends the lamps. <sup>8</sup> He must burn **incense** again when he lights the lamps at twilight so **incense** will burn regularly before the LORD

<sup>25</sup> Then take them from their hands and burn them on the altar along with the burnt offering for a pleasing **aroma** to the LORD, an offering made to the LORD by fire.

Lev. 6: <sup>15</sup> The priest is to take a handful of fine flour and oil, together with all the **incense** on the grain offering, and burn the memorial portion on the altar as an **aroma** pleasing to the LORD.

LK 1:8 Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, <sup>9</sup> he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn **incense**. <sup>10</sup> And when the time for the burning of **incense** came, all the assembled worshippers were praying outside.

AC 10:4 Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked.

The angel answered, "Your **prayers** and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God.

1TI 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, **prayers**, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--

1TI 2:8 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer,

HEB 5:7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up **prayers** and petitions with loud cries and tears

Rev.5: <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of **incense**, which are the prayers of the saints

REV 8:3 Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much **incense** to offer, with the **prayers** of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. <sup>4</sup> The smoke of the **incense**, together with the **prayers** of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand.

Moving any further through the tabernacle was a very sacred honor. There was a separation, or curtain, also called the veil. This veil was three feet thick and was intended to preserve the boundaries of the ordinary from the supernatural.

Today there are many types of veils in this world. It is something created by the world to mask or cover a genuine experience with God. We must pursue God beyond a surface relationship. Only through prayer, Bible study, and perseverance can we experience the intimate relationship God desires to have with each of us.

*SONG:*

*OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART LORD*

*OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART*

*I WANT TO SEE YOU I WANT TO SEE YOU*

*TO SEE YOU HIGH AND LIFTED UP*

*SHINING IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR GLORY*

*POUR OUT YOUR POWER AND LOVE*

*AS WE SING HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, I WANT TO SEE YOU*

### **Seeking beyond the veil**

Exod. 30:<sup>6</sup> Put the altar in front of the **curtain** that is before the ark of the Testimony--before the atonement cover that is over the Testimony--where I will meet with you.

EX 40:<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses:<sup>2</sup> "Set up the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, on the first day of the first month.<sup>3</sup> Place the ark of the Testimony in it and shield the ark with the **curtain**.

EX 34:<sup>33</sup> When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a **veil** over his face.<sup>34</sup> But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the **veil** until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,<sup>35</sup> they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the **veil** back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

2CO 3:<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.<sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who would put a **veil** over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away.<sup>14</sup> But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same **veil** remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away.<sup>15</sup> Even to this day when Moses is read, a **veil** covers their hearts.<sup>16</sup> But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the **veil** is taken away.

PS 63:<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

PR 8:17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me **find me**.  
Jer.29:13 You will seek me and **find me** when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "

Heb.11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

1 Cor. 13:<sup>12</sup> Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

The climax of the Tabernacle experience is to reach the Holy of Holies.

Once a year on Yom

Kippur, (the day of Atonement) the high priest and only the high priest could enter. Only he could enter for the purpose of asking forgiveness of sins for the Nation of Israel. Once he went beyond the veil, he came face to face with the Ark of the Covenant. This was a chest covered in pure gold. On top were two angels overshadowing the entire box. This was known as the mercy seat, the very place God rested. This was the most incredible, spectacular and supernatural sight to ever see.

Today, our heart is God's very own ark of the covenant. Inside dwells His presence, His protection, His laws, and the testimony of His provision.

*SONG:*

*AWESOME IS THE SIGHT OF YOUR HOLINESS*

*MAJESTIC IS YOUR PURITY*

*YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS SHINES BRIGHTER*

*THAN THE SUN ON ME ON ME*

*FOR HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD OF HOSTS*

*GLORY, GLORY, GLORY TO HIS MATCHLESS NAME*

*WORTHY, WORTHY, WORTHY IS THE LAMB*

*THAT WAS SLAIN FOR ME*

## **Habitation with God**

EX 40:34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; <sup>37</sup> but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out--until the day it lifted.

Lev.26:<sup>11</sup> I will put my dwelling place among you, and I will not abhor you. <sup>12</sup> I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people.

Ezek. 37:<sup>26</sup> I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. <sup>27</sup> My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

EX 33:<sup>14</sup> The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. <sup>16</sup> How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us?"

ISA 6:<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

<sup>1CO 3:</sup><sup>16</sup> Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

Eph.2:<sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Matt.18:<sup>20</sup> For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

The actual duties were performed by ministry of the priest. This was a highly honored position because they were to represent God to the people and present the people to God. Today it must still be a highly honored position, however, it is not limited to a select few. All believers serve a specific function in ministry. Each one is unique but equally important. One may sing, one may cook, another may type, and still another may teach, but none is more important than any other.

The Apostle Paul compares the spiritual body to the physical body in 1 Cor. ch.12. Here we see the need to recognize each complimentary part, so let's look for opportunities to serve the body of Christ.

*SONG: LORD PREPARE ME, TO BE A SANCTUARY*

*PURE AND HOLY, TRIED AND TRUE*

*WITH THANKSGIVING, I'LL BE A LIVING*

*SANCTUARY FOR YOU*

*AS WE WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY*

*LET YOUR PRESENCE FLOW THROUGH ME*

*IN ONE BODY, IN THE HOLY SPIRIT*

## *A LIVING WORSHIP TO YOU*

### **Priesthood of the believer**

Exod. 40:13 Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and consecrate him so he may serve me **as priest**.<sup>14</sup> Bring his sons and dress them in tunics.<sup>15</sup> Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue for all generations to come

HEB 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin.<sup>16</sup> Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

HEB 7:11 If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical **priesthood** (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come--one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?<sup>12</sup> For when there is a change of the **priesthood**, there must also be a change of the law.

HEB 8:1 The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,<sup>2</sup> and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man.

1PE 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal **priesthood**, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God;

1 Peter 4:<sup>10</sup> Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

Before the children of Israel could worship in the desert there had to be a deliverance from Egypt. Egypt symbolized bondage. Today many people can't worship because of the bondage in their own life. The Lord waits with power to set us free from the bondage of sin. True worship only happens when we have the freedom to do so. A Spanish proverb says bad habits are first cobwebs and then cables. Many are controlled by

Addictive behaviors such as gambling, smoking, drinking, eating disorders, or illicit sex and feel out of control. Others struggle with emotional oppression such as depression, anxiety, fear, loneliness or anger.

These things become our own personal Egypt. When God gets us out of Egypt, it's only half the battle. Then He has to get Egypt out of us. Consider these steps to experience freedom:

1. Pray for God to reveal the source or the root of the problem.
2. Take responsibility for changing. Stop blaming others.
3. Forgive any offenses. Release any bitterness.

4. Memorize key verses for specific issues.
5. Be accountable through counsel and leadership.

The journey through the desert (to the Promised Land) could have been accomplished in forty days.

Because they clung to old habits of the past, the journey took 40 years.

The same is true with us. Unless we lay down our baggage, we will never be free to worship the way God intended.

## Exodus 25:8-9

"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you".

*Marshall Billingslea*

### GLOSSARY OF TERMS :

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1. **Bondage**— the state of subjection to a force, power, or influence. To be restrained or bound so much as to be enslaved.  
**Deliverance**— to set free, or loose from restraint. To hand over or surrender from one thing to another. To secure something promised or desired.
2. **Boundary**— border, limit, or perimeter,  
**Enter** - to come or go into, to gain admission, to become a participant, or join in.  
**Gate**— means of access or passageway,
3. **Sacrifice**— forfeiture of something highly valued for that of something of greater value. A voluntary loss for a greater purpose  
**offering**— a gift or presentation , something freely

bestowed with no expectation of return.

**altar**— an elevated place to make a sacrifice or bring an offering. (to *alter* is to change from one state to another)

**blood**— the only means to carry life from one place to another. The only possible transmission of a living spirit.

4. **Sanctification**— to separate or set apart for a sacred use, to consecrate, make holy, or purify.

**washing**— to cleanse by removing dirt or stains. To rid of corruption or guilt. To separate by immersion in water.

**cleans**— To free from dirt, defilement, or guilt; purge or clean.

**laver**— bronze wash basin made from women's looking glass (mirror)

5. **Revelation**— to make known, disclose, or reveal something not previously understood. Manifestation of divine truth.

**Menorah**— a seven branch lampstand used in Jewish ceremony. Each branch represents a day of creation.

6. **Sustenance**— something, especially food, that maintains, supports or carries on life.

**showbread**— the bread put out for show to represent sustenance.

7. **Aroma**— a pleasant odor, fragrance, aura, sensed by smell

**Prayer**— a reverent petition made to God through communication. An act of communion and confession.

**atmosphere**— a distinctive intangible quality, creating an inviting surrounding. Ambiance or climate.

**incense**— an aromatic substance burned to create a perfume in the air.

8. **Seek**— to try to discover, locate, or search for.

**veil**— a covering to protect, separate or conceal

**preserve**— to maintain in safety, or protect from injury, peril or harm. To maintain in perfect or unaltered condition. To prevent decaying or spoiling.

9. **Habitation**— a place of abode or residence. The place where something is most likely to be found.

**glory**— majestic beauty and splendor. Magnificent eminence, the radiance (reflection) of his presence.

**presence**— The state or fact of being present, current existence. The immediate surroundings of a sovereign.

10. **Priesthood**— one having authority to administer the spiritual or perform religious rights. A representative of God to the people and representing the people to God.

**duty**— a course of action required by a position. The compulsion felt to meet an obligation.



**serve**— to work for, wait on, and prepare . Assist aid and promote the interest of another. To meet the needs  
**minister**— a representative serving as an agent to carry out specified orders or functions.

and satisfy something not your own.

## **OTHER TERMINOLOGY -**

**Atonement**— Amends or reparation made for an injury or wrong. reconciliation between God and man  
One day a year (Yom Kippur)

**Temple**— A building dedicated to religious ceremonies or worship . A shrine or sanctuary (a permanent expansion of the tabernacle)

**Court**— open ground partially or completely enclosed by walls or buildings; a courtyard. The place of residence of a sovereign or dignitary

**Sacred**— worthy of absolute respect, dedicated to a deity.  
Blessed and consecrated.

**Holy**— pure and undefiled, unmixed, free from impurities.

**Ark**— a shelter or container, used to carry valuables

**Covenant**— contract, agreement which obligates both parties. A promise and arrangement of terms for a relationship.

**Commandment**— a law or code of conduct, a system of rules to regulate behavior.

**Testimony**— a witness or declaration of events, spoken or written to corroborate proof and facts.

**Pattern**— a model, plan, diagram, or original design, often replicated or copied

**Manna**— food miraculously provided by God (spiritual nourishment) something of value a person receives unexpectedly.

**Provision**— something prepared or supplied that is necessary for existence. To make resources available.

**Protection**—taking measures for safeguard. To defend or shield from harm and free from threat.

**Shadow**— an imperfect imitation or copy. A mirrored image or reflection. a forerunner of something that is to come.

## Priesthood references :

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Luke 2

### **Scriptural Summary & Application:**

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1. **DELIVERENCE**—JN 8:34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. .<sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed
2. **ENTER IN**—PS 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise
3. **SACRIFICE**—RO 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship
4. **SANCTIFICATION**—ICO 6:9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? .<sup>11</sup> And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
5. **REVELATION**—PS 119:105 Your word is a **lamp** to my feet and a light for my path.
6. **DAILY BREAD**—JN 6:35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the **bread of life**. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.
7. **PRAYER**—Rev.5: <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints
8. **SEEKING HIM**—Jer.29:13 You will seek me and **find me** when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "
9. **HABITATION**—EX 40:34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle
10. **PRIESTHOOD**—IPE 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal **priesthood**, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

### **DAVIDS TABERNACLE—**

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Acts 7:44-50 -

Acts 15:15-17 -

### **TEMPLE RITUALS / meaningless traditions**

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**knowing what but not why!**

**Isa. 1:11—**

**NEGLECT & ABUSE OF THE SACRED**

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<sup>2CH 26:19</sup> Uzziah, who had a censer in his hand ready to burn incense, became angry. While he was raging at the

priests in their presence before the incense altar in the LORD's temple, leprosy broke out on his forehead.<sup>20</sup> When Azariah the chief priest and all the other priests looked at him, they saw that he had leprosy on his forehead, so they hurried him out. Indeed, he himself was eager to leave, because the LORD had afflicted him.

<sup>2CH 26:16</sup> But after Uzziah became powerful, his **pride** led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the LORD his God, and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.<sup>17</sup> Azariah the priest with eighty other courageous priests of the LORD followed him in.<sup>18</sup> They confronted him and said, "It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD. That is for the priests, the descendants of Aaron, who have been consecrated to burn incense. Leave the sanctuary, for you have been unfaithful; and you will not be honored by the LORD God."

<sup>2CH 26:21</sup> King Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died. He lived in a separate house --leprous, and excluded from the temple of the LORD

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