

SEEING JESUS IN THE TABERNACLE – PART II

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Exodus 25:8 – And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.

- The Outer Court represents the first step that Israel takes to enter into God's _____ place → Justification
 - He is our righteousness → linen curtain
 - He is our way → entrance gate
 - He is our sacrifice whereby we are forgiven → bronze altar
 - In him we are cleansed → bronze laver
- The Holy Place shifts in focus from the Outer Court. There will be no bronze here, for God's judgment is complete and he now wants to display the wonder of being in _____ with Jesus. The Holy Place invites Israel into a fuller _____ of God.

Area	Age in Focus	Entrance	Jesus As	Aspect of Salvation
The Outer Court	Mosaic Law	Any common person	Way	Justification
The Holy Place	Grace (Church age)	Only a priest	Truth	Sanctification

Who may enter the Holy Place?

- The priests as _____ of Israel. Only a single curtain separated them from God's presence in the Holy of Holies.

What can we learn from the constant requirements of the Holy Place?

- ✓ The Table of Showbread (Exodus 25:30 – ...at all times)
- ✓ The Lampstand (Exodus 27:20 – ...continually)
- ✓ The Altar of Incense (Exodus 30:7-8 – ...every morning...perpetual)
 - The ministry of the Holy Place was to be constant...a never ending _____, which was carried out by the priests. But why?
 - Is this a representation of the priests' _____ before God?
 - "Saved to _____"
 - **Eventual Focus** → keeping the _____ to earn right standing before God.
- ✓ Or did God have other intentions for the perpetual duties of the priests?
 - Leviticus 24:8-9 – The bread provided _____ for them.
 - Numbers 8:2 – The lamp provided _____ for them.

- Leviticus 6:15 – The incense provided _____ for them.
 - So the key focus was not about all the stuff the priests did for God, but rather, _____ God was for them. It was about Him!
 - Likewise, the provision of Jesus never stops. He is a never-ending supply.

1. The Table of Showbread (Exodus 25:23-30)

- a. The Hebrew word for this bread is literally translated as “bread of the face” meaning bread set out before the face or presence of God...hence “showbread.”
- b. How can we see Jesus in the table of showbread?
 - i. John 6:35 – Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger and whoever believes in me shall never thirst”
 - ii. In our monthly communion meals, Jesus presents his body as bread.
 - iii. Before Jesus miraculously fed the 5,000, he instructed his disciples “_____ give them something to eat.”

2. The Lampstand (Exodus 25:31-40)

- a. The only source of light in the tabernacle.
- b. How can we see Jesus in the lampstand?
 - i. John 8:12 – Again Jesus spoke to them saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
 - ii. After encountering Jesus, a blind man “went and washed and came back _____.”

3. The Altar of Incense (Exodus 30:1-8, 34-38)

- a. The picture of the incense rising was of prayers rising to God. (Psa. 141:1-2, Rev. 8:3-4)
- b. How can we see Jesus in the altar of incense?
 - i. The bronze altar speaks of the sacrifice that Jesus made 2,000 years ago to provide for salvation, where the golden altar of incense speaks of the “_____ work of the resurrected Christ who intercedes on behalf of his people (Hebrews 7:24-25).

- ✓ So the Holy Place has a focus of fellowship and life in Christ.
 - Jesus is the showbread that we feed upon daily.
 - Jesus is the light that gives life and overwhelms the darkness, and we understand God’s heart through the light of his Word.
 - Jesus is our High Priest who intercedes for us, and represents us before the Father.

Topics for Prayer this Week

- When you consider your Christian life, does your walk feel like a burden of the many righteous expectations of God, or is your focus on the character of Jesus and His provision for you?
- As you serve others this week, are you giving them something to eat from the person of Jesus or is it your own “bread” that you are offering to fill them up?
- Will God’s Word be a lamp to your feet this week? Will you, like the blind man, go and wash and come back seeing?
- God the Father has accepted the aroma of his Son, Jesus. Is your life hidden within the aroma of Christ positionally? Conditionally?