

## **Worship His Way**

### **The Tabernacle**

The Tabernacle was created by God as a model to show people the way He desires us to approach Him.

- **Exodus 25:8** And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.
- **Exodus 40:34-35** Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

We no longer have a physical tabernacle, rather we now have the presence of God in us

- **1 Corinthians 3:16** Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?
- If we have the presence of God in us, why would we need a model to show us how to enter into His presence?

**The Tabernacle was where people worshipped. We now worship anywhere. The location has changed, but the model remains.**

- Last week we looked at John 4:24 – We worship in spirit and truth.
- But that was born out of a conversation about where we should worship.
- **John 4:19-24** The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- It's not about physical location. It's about our motives and how we worship.

## **The Outer Court**

The outer court represents our body. Our body, our flesh, is where sin resides. This is why our bodies are listed as corruptible and they will be replaced.

## **The Brazen Altar**

- The first station you would come to was the Brazen Altar
- **Exodus 27:1-2** You shall make an altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide—the altar shall be square—and its height *shall be* three cubits. <sup>2</sup>You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it. And you shall overlay it with bronze.
- The priest would take the ram and sacrifice it. The blood was sprinkled around the altar, and then the whole of it was burned.
- Then a second ram was brought. The priests laid their hands on the head. It was then killed and blood was put on the tip of the right ear, right thumb, right big toe. Then some blood was mixed with anointing oil and sprinkled on the garments.
- Some of the ram was used along with some cakes and bread as a wave offering.
- The thigh was lifted up as a heave offering.
- Some of it was then boiled and eaten along with bread.

## **The 4 Horns**

The altar had 4 horns. There were 4 steps at the altar.

1) Confession – This is the first thing to do to have peace with God.

- Repentance is coming into agreement with God.
- This brings our minds into alignment with God.

- **Matthew 5:23-24** Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

2) Sacrifice – After confession, an animal was slain. The person would lay his hands on the head of the lamb, and the lamb became guilty in place of the man.

- a. This is what happened at Calvary. Jesus became our sin, and He was sacrificed. In that case, the altar was the cross. This not only gives us forgiveness, but blots it out forever.
  - b. **2 Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
  - c. Sin has to be paid for. God cannot pretend it does not exist. The blood of the lamb was sprinkled on the man to absolve him of sin and guilt. We must acknowledge Christ as our sacrifice.
- Burning of sacrifice – After the sacrifice is slain, it was burnt on the altar. (**Rom 6:6** knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.) – This is dealing not with sins, but with sin itself. We as new Testament Christians have had our sin nature crucified. It is not about individual sins. It is about reverting from being a sinner and being holy instead.

3) Consecration for service – The priest took the blood and placed it on his right ear lobe, right thumb, and right big toe (hearing, work of hands, pathway)

4) Consuming of the sacrifice

- We take His body, His life into us

## What does Hebrews say about this?

**Hebrews 10:1-4** For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. <sup>2</sup> For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. <sup>3</sup> But in those *sacrifices there is* a reminder of sins every year. <sup>4</sup> For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

- First of all, it states that it only appeased God and got us forgiveness of those sins the sacrifice was for.
- It could not make those people perfect. If it could have, then they would not have had to continue making sacrifices.
- This heavily implies that if something caused the sacrifices to stop, that same thing would make people perfect and actually take away sins.
- It also states that once we are purified, this would remove sin consciousness.
  - Fear – guilt – shame. An awareness that we are not worthy.

**Hebrews 10:10-14** By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*. <sup>11</sup> And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. <sup>14</sup> For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

- Jesus was that perfect sacrifice
- He took away our sins.
- He perfected us forever.
- He removed that sin consciousness

## What does this mean for us in regards to worship?

The absolute first step in worship is an acknowledgement of the sacrifice of Jesus. He made the way

- **Hebrews 10:19-20** Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh

The second step is acknowledging our perfection. Yes – we worship Him because He has perfected us.

- **Hebrews 10:14** For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

### **And we need to get rid of sin consciousness.**

- Sin has been dealt with
  - **Colossians 2:13-14** And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, <sup>14</sup> having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
- There is no shame, guilt or condemnation
  - **Romans 8:1** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

In the Psalms it talks about entering His presence:

- **Psalms 100:4** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.
- This thanksgiving and praise should first be centered around Christ's work at the cross.
  - **Revelation 5:11-14** Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and

riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power *Be* to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.