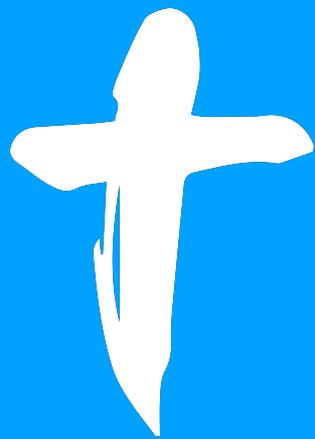


THE TABERNACLE



The Tabernacle

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The Tabernacle

Lesson One

The way into the holiest

For all Christians a foundation of doctrine must be laid

There are six foundational doctrines and they are listed for us in:

Hebrews 6: 1-2 Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of

- ***Repentance from acts that lead to death***
- ***Faith in God***
- ***Instructions about baptisms***
- ***The laying on of hands***
- ***Resurrection of the dead***
- ***Eternal judgement***

The weakness of a good number of evangelical churches is they have kept laying the foundations week after week.

Constantly telling the congregation to repent and have faith.

If you never go beyond the foundation it is impossible to complete the building .

We are encouraged to lay the foundation then go on to maturity (fulfilment, completion)

The way to maturity is 'the way into the Holiest' which is unfolded in the epistles to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 8: 4-5. If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already men who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle; "See to it you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

Three words that indicate what the tabernacle is
copy - shadow - pattern

Language given in material things unfolding spiritual and heavenly truths.

The tabernacle unfolds for us a way into the holiest into the very presence of Almighty God.

Two truths relating to each other relating to 'the way into the holiest'!

Hebrews 9: 7-8. 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. 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.

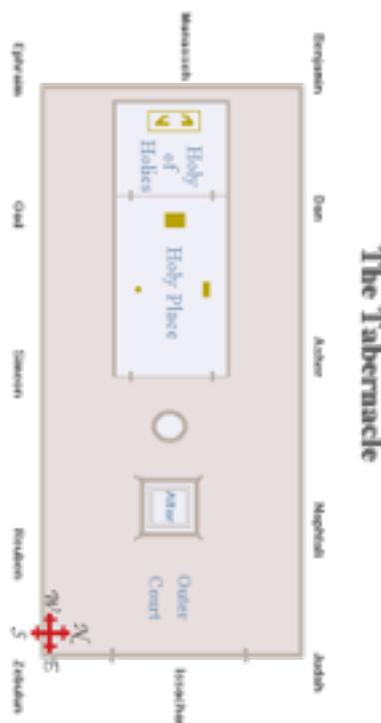
Under the Mosaic covenant only the priests were allowed into the Holy Place and once a year the High Priest into the Most Holy Place.

Hebrews 10: 19-20 *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is his body;...*

What was not possible under the Mosaic covenant is now possible in the new covenant Jesus Christ

Theme: How do we enter into the Holiest?

We will compare the three areas of the tabernacle with the triune nature of man - the three areas of human personality.



North is to the right
Progress is from the East upwards

There is a prescribed way into the Holiest.

We will study the way in by studying the seven pieces of furniture.

THIS IS VERY PRACTICAL TEACHING.

Many Christians live at a lower spiritual level than did the people of God live in the Old Testament.

God has opened a way for us and the challenge is to go boldly into the Holy of Holies into the presence of God.

Scripture directs us into the Holiest.

We journey from the cross to the throne room there is the prescribed journey.

You have the legal right to be there but it is a long journey.

The Symbolism

Lesson Two

The Nature of Man

The triune pattern of the tabernacle
The triune structure of the tabernacle

Three areas - Outer Court - Holy Place - Holy of Holies (Most Holy Place NIV)

One structure with three distinct areas

Depicts many things

- 1) Nature of God
- 2) Nature of Heaven
- 3) Nature of Man
- 4) The Pattern of the Church etc.

All could be studied from the tabernacle we shall be looking at the nature of man.

We shall relate the teaching of holiness to our nature.

Basic Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5 : 23 *May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

'Sanctify you through and through' - God make you Holy

Three different areas of personality that makes up the human being. Spirit. Soul. Body.

Relate these to the three main divisions of the tabernacle

Holy of Holies = Spirit; Holy Place = Soul; Outer Court = Body.

The real obvious distinction is the type of light in each

Outer Court - Natural light - sun, moon, stars. Sense Knowledge.
Holy Place - 7 branch lampstand - oil lamp. Revealed Truth.
Holy of Holies - Shekinah glory - (greek) to dwell. Direct Revelation.

The manifest indwelling presence of Almighty God
in the midst of his people.

Geometrically in the midst of his people.

Aggregates of seven.

Seven items of furniture.

Outer Court: Altar of brass and laver of brass.
Holy Place: Table, lampstand and golden altar.
Holy of Holies: Ark and mercy seat.

Seven ministries of Jesus

Holy Place: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher.
Holy of Holies: Priest and King.

Seven garments of the High Priest

Coat - undergarment - fine linen - righteousness - symbol of purity.
Robe - blue and seamless - symbol of character.
Ephod - outer garment - short - linen - symbol of strength.
Breastplate - linen - 12 stones set in 4 rows of 3. symbol of love
Girdle - a belt - symbol of service
Mitre - turban - symbol of mind
Golden Plate - attached to turban "Holiness unto the Lord" engraved

Plan of the tabernacle

Outer fence 150 feet x 75 feet

Pure white linen curtain 7' - 6" high, to know what is inside you have to go in through the door as in the case of salvation, no peeping over.

Fine (white) linen = Righteous living.

Revelation 19: 18 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

This is not an imputed righteousness but righteous actions

There must be a line of separation between saint and sinner in the way you live (the linen fence) in or out. (You cannot sit on a linen fence)

Absolute line of separation

2 Timothy 2:19. Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his, and, everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

Double seal 1) God knows his own
2) The way we live

If you want to come in here you must depart from unrighteousness.

The Tent of Meeting

Lesson Three

The successive entrances

All have a curtain

The outer court 4 pillars	The Way
The Holy Place 5 pillars	The Truth
The Holy of Holies 4 pillars	The Life

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

Jesus the way - first curtain

4 Pillars = 4 gospels - historical revelation of Jesus in the days of his flesh, seeing and hearing him.

Gospels = true revelation of the historical Jesus, seeing him with your natural senses in the daylight.

Doorway in - the four living creatures of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 1: 5, 10 ...and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was that of a man,.... Their faces looked like this; each of the four had the face of a man, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle.

Matthew	=	Jesus the King - Lion - genealogy from Abraham.
Mark	=	Jesus the Servant - Ox - no genealogy.
Luke	=	Jesus the Perfect Man - Man - genealogy from Adam.
John	=	Jesus the Son of God - Eagle - genealogy from God.

Lion. King of the beasts

Ox. King of domestic animals (straightaway - immediately)
God expects: patience, meekness, willingness, obedience.

Eagle. King of birds who looks directly into the sun
as the Son looks directly into the face of the Father.

Man. King of creation, what every man should be.

Through the four gospels we have entry into the knowledge of Jesus - in his flesh.

Jesus died, all knowledge of him is now REVEALED TRUTH. You cannot know Jesus beyond the grave by earthly knowledge.

Most theologians theorise from the outer court.

Jesus the truth - second curtain

5 Pillars = 5 ministries needed to make you what you should be: apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher.

Ephesians 4: 11 It was he (Jesus) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers.

Jesus the life - third curtain

Entered through the torn veil

Hebrews 10: 19-20 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body.

Through the flesh of his body torn on the cross we enter into life.
Through death we enter into life.

Matthew 27: 50-51: And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

In Herod's Temple a curtain separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. It was torn from top to bottom. The way into the Holy of Holies was open to us through the torn flesh of Jesus.

4 pillars = 4 aspects of what Christ is.

Colossians 3: 11. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is All, and is in all.

1 Corinthians 1: 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God - that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

Wisdom	Pillar 1
Righteousness	Pillar 2
Holiness	Pillar 3
Redemption	Pillar 4

Two ministries of Jesus experienced in Holy of Holies

Few Christians enter in here.

Priest and king

Hebrews 6: 19-20 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High.

Jesus the forerunner has entered - Melchizedek
He combined Priest and King
In the Old Testament under Moses separate ministries

Priests came from the tribe of Levi
Kings came from the tribe of Judah

Kings could not offer sacrifices
Saul did and lost his kingdom

When Jesus came he combined the two.

We must go into the Holy of Holies.

Zechariah 6: 12-13 ***Tell him this is what the Lord Almighty says; 'Here is the man whose name is the branch, Isaiah 53:2 He grew up like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the Lord. the church It is he who will build the temple of the Lord, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.***

Only one man can bear the glory - Jesus.

A king priest upon his throne the mercy seat that covers the broken law.

Where is Christ now? At the Fathers right hand.

He has opened the way to bring us into his throne life.

Four coverings of the tabernacle

Exodus 26: 1-14

1st covering fine twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with cherubim worked into them.

2nd covering goats hair

3rd covering rams skins dyed red

4th covering hides of sea cows

God works from the inside out

1st covering not a fine (white) linen but beautifully embroidered a spiritual holiness of heart that makes one beautiful

White - purity, righteousness and holiness

Blue - heavenly nature and divinity

Purple - royalty and omnipotence

Scarlet - suffering and atonement

A spiritual purity of heart is not what we do: not do drink, theatre, gambling etc. (where most Christians live)

Inside breathtakingly beautiful, golden light

4 faces of the cherubim's all looking at you

Human art has never achieved anything more beautiful

That is inward beauty of heart.

1 Peter 3: 3-4. Your beauty should not come from outward adorning, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewellery and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

Not just to ladies. Men too should have this.

Tabernacle - no outward adorning

2nd covering course, strong, not beautiful, there is a goat that lived in each of us. There is a goat nature in us that wants to stray and have its own way.

3rd covering rams skins dyed red - the shed blood of Jesus

The old Adamic nature is covered inside and out the spiritual beauty of the new creation - inside the atoning sacrifice of Jesus -outside

Our old man was crucified in him
Keep the old man between the two
Let him out and he is still a goat

4th covering seal skin no beauty.

Inside is the heart - not visible - the inner man

God sees the heart we only see the outer skin.

The altar and the laver

Lesson Four

Sense knowledge is the means of receiving truth related to the life of Christ in the day of his flesh.

In his earthly ministry when he walked the streets as a human being.

The last public appearance of Jesus to the world was on the cross.

From then on only to believers by revelation and not natural knowledge.

i.e. knowledge that comes through reading the four gospels or four pillars holding up the curtain of the entrance to the outer court.

Matthew .Mark .Luke .John .

Or the four living creatures in Ezekiel

Lion . Ox . Man . Eagle .

The brazen altar

You must first come face to face with the altar.

Its sides are of polished brass where you see yourself.

Yourself - the problem
The altar - the solution

Exodus 27: 1-8. Build an altar of acacia wood, three cubits high; it is to be square, five cubits long and five cubits wide. Make a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar are one piece, and overlay the altar with bronze. Make all its utensils of bronze its pots to remove the ashes, and its shovels, sprinkling bowls, meat forks and firepans. Make a grating for it, a bronze network, and make a bronze ring at each of the four corners of the network. Put it under the ledge of the altar so that it is halfway up the altar. Make poles of acacia wood for the altar and overlay them with bronze. The poles are to be inserted into the rings so they will be on two sides of the altar when it is carried. Make the altar hollow, out of boards. It is to be made just as you were shown on the mountain.

Four sides 7' 6" Square.

It dominated the entrance into the court.

The altar is a type of the cross and what Jesus did on the cross.

You have no entry into all that God has for you if you try to by-pass the cross.

There is no other way in

Four sides of the altar = Four provisions of God made through the death of Jesus on the cross.

1. Forgiveness of past sins (plural)

First side of the altar

Essential - while your sins are unforgiven you cannot pass any further

Romans 3: 25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

Some Christians simply go to church every Sunday and ask God to forgive their sins.

This weary repetition of confessing sins hinders further progress.

2. Putting away sin (singular)

An evil, corruptive, destructive, enslaving, spiritual power that causes you to commit sinful acts.

SIN is the source of sins.

SIN is the trunk sins are the branches.

2 Corinthians 5: 21 God made him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Derek Prince version: For God made him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be SIN for us that we might be made the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God.

God made Jesus to be SIN with our sinfulness that we might be made righteous.

Hebrews 9:26. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Here Christ dealt with SIN once and for all time

3. The old rebellious nature

The goat nature - the sin nature - the old Adam.

The old nature was dealt with on the cross.

Romans 6: 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with that we should no longer be slaves to sin.

‘done away with’ best ‘rendered inoperative’

We escape slavery to sin by putting to death the old sinful nature.

There is no remedy for the old nature.

You can't send him to church.

You can't teach him the Ten Commandments.

You can't make him religious.

He is executed - this took place in the person of Jesus on the cross.

When Jesus died our old man died in him.

IF YOU 'KNOW IT' AND 'RECKON IT' IT WORKS.

4. The burnt offering

All offerings are types of Jesus

The burnt offering is the first offering spoken of

On the cross Jesus was a burnt offering

The burnt offering was offered totally to God to be totally consumed in the flames of the altar.

Jesus was made a burnt offering

Note: In scripture the description of the tabernacle begins with the ark and moves outwards. Salvation starts with God not man. We study the tabernacle from the outside and move towards God.

If Jesus had not been the initial burnt offering to be completely consumed in the flames of the altar.

There would be no salvation.

Before we can offer ourselves as a burnt offering to God we have to do the first three things.

God wants our entire body, he will accept nothing less.

When an animal was slain his whole body was placed on the altar.

Before our minds can possibly be renewed and the will of God opened up to us our bodies must be placed on the altar of sacrifice.

Romans 12: 1-2. 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. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1 Corinthians 6: 19-20. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.

The brazen laver

Exodus 30: 17-21. *Then the LORD said to Moses, "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. Aaron and his sons are to wash their hands and feet with water from it. Whenever they enter the Tent of Meeting, they shall wash with water so that they will not die. Also, when they approach the altar to minister by presenting an offering made to the LORD by fire, they shall wash their hands and feet so that they will not die. This is to be a lasting ordinance for Aaron and his descendants for the generations to come."*

Attendance was not optional as the priests passed both ways they washed or died.

The place of Gods word.

Exodus 38: 8. *They made the bronze basin and its bronze stand from the mirrors of the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.*

Made from the mirrors sacrificed by Israelite women.

Came from mirrors

James 1: 23-24 *Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.*

The word of God is a mirror revealing to us our inward spiritual condition.

What you are really like in God's sight.

Made of brass

John 12: 47-48. *"As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.*

John 5: 22. *Moreover, the Father judges no-one, but has entrusted all judgment to the son.*

1 Corinthians 11: 31 *But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.*

God is reluctant to execute judgment. We will be judged by the standard of the Word. As we read the Word we are to make the adjustments according to what we see.

Brass typifies judgment - divine examination

Filled with water

Ephesians 5: 25-27. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Sanctification depends on blood and water.

You are redeemed by his blood
But only sanctified by his word.

Jesus is coming for a sanctified church made holy and glorious.

Any believer who does not live by the word cannot expect to be ready for the coming of Christ.

1 John 5: 6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

By water - the great teacher
By blood - the only redeemer.

The table of shewbread

Lesson Five

Everything after the cross is now in the realm of REVEALED TRUTH not knowledge.

2 Corinthians 5: 15-16. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

We know him no more after the flesh.

We move from 'sense knowledge' to 'revelation knowledge'

There are three functions of the soul.

Will . Intellect . Emotions .

Primary is the will. This is represented by the table of shewbread (literally 'bread of the face')

The first item to deal with inside the Holy Place.

Bread is a type of strength.

The strength of the soul is not in its intellect or its emotions but its will.

A person may have brilliant intellect, be very emotional but a weak person.

The strength of the soul is in the will

Finney said "I am not preaching to men's emotions I am seeking to change their will"

Psalms 104: 15. wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread that sustains his heart.

Wine - emotions; oil - illumination, intellect; bread - will.

God's provision is summed up in those three things.

Joel 2: 19. I am sending you grain, new wine and oil enough to satisfy you fully.

Hebrews 10: 5-7 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll— I have come to do your will, O God.' "

For what purpose do you have a body?

To do Gods will, every other reason is secondary.

John 5: 30. *By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.*

John 6: 38 *For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.*

Matthew 26: 39-42*Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."*

Romans 12: 2. *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

As you surrender your body - the will of God for you will be unfolded.

John 4: 32-34. *But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.*

Doing God's will gave Jesus strength. If you are a slave to your emotions there will be no permanent result.

Provision for the shewbread

Leviticus 24: 5-9 *"Take fine flour and bake twelve loaves of bread, using two-tenths of an ephah for each loaf. Set them in two rows, six in each row, on the table of pure gold before the LORD. 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. This bread is to be set out before the LORD regularly, Sabbath after Sabbath, on behalf of the Israelites, as a lasting covenant. It belongs to Aaron and his sons, who are to eat it in a holy place, because it is a most holy part of their regular share of the offerings made to the LORD by fire."*

The instructions are very precise. The bread is to be changed once a week on the Sabbath and given to the priests. In Numbers 4: 7 Shewbread is called Presence 'continually before the face of God'

God demands to see your will every day - twelve loaves there all the time.
Your mind in line with God's will all the time.

Outer court - what God did for us

In here - our response to God.

Every moment of every day the shewbread is there every loaf in its place.

Are you positively delighted to do his will or are you just resigned to it.

Eight successive features are applied

1. Flour ground very fine - a continual bruising of your will.
2. Moulded - conformed to Gods will.
3. Baked - tested in fire.
4. Completely ordered according to God's direction
without discipline you cannot be a disciple
two rows of six in a line.
5. Covered by frankincense - type of worship
Thank you Lord I'm glad to do your will.
6. Perpetually displayed before Gods face - continually surrendered to God
24 hours a day 7 days a week.
7. Surrounded by a double protective crown so none would fall to the ground - watch
and pray.

Luke 21: 36. Be always on the watch, and pray that you will be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.

Matthew 26: 41. Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.

A double crown around your will - watch and pray

8. Regularly dedicated afresh to God - every new revelation will require a new dedication.

The lampstand and altar of incense

Lesson Six

The seven branched lampstand typifies the intellect

The lampstand is the only piece of furniture made from beaten gold, the others were made from pure gold.

Beaten indicates divine workmanship - a process of shaping and hammering.

The two things needed study and discipline

2 Corinthians 10: 5 *We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

Romans 8: 7 *The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.*

Psalms 119: 130 *The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.*

Understanding is compared to "light" and comes by God's word.

Ephesians 4:23 *to be made new in the attitude of your minds.*

The renewing of your mind is a spiritual process

Philippians 2: 5. *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.*

Revelation 1: 4 and 4: 5 *John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.*

The Holy Spirit is manifested in seven forms (like light in the seven colours of the rainbow)

Isaiah 11: 1-2. *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.*

The seven forms of the Holy Spirit that rested upon Christ correspond to seven branches of the lampstand.

Knowledge - Counsel - Wisdom

-Lord-

Understanding - Power - Fear of the Lord.

The illumination of the intellect depends upon the yielding of the will. The illuminated intellect always reveals the condition of the will.

James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in humility that comes from wisdom.

The golden altar of incense

The golden altar of incense typifies the emotions

Eight features regarding our emotions

1. Foursquare - balanced not given to excess in any one direction.
2. The protective crown - self control - you must be in control of your emotions
3. The fire - intensity, purity (the 'passion' of the soul).
4. The incense - devotion made fragrant by the test of fire.
5. the smoke - adoration expressed in praise and worship.
6. The horns sanctified by blood - purified by the blood.
7. The highest piece of furniture, its horns level with the wings of the cherubim on the mercy seat - adoration lifts us to the highest level.
8. The point of transmission from the Holy Place to the Holy of Holies - from soul to spirit.

Praise is a response to God's love

Worship is an attitude a response to God's righteousness

We come to the right use of emotions only after bringing our will and our intellect into line with God's requirements.

The ark

Lesson Seven

Access through the second veil was permitted once a year on the Day of Atonement with blood from the brazen altar and a censer filled with burning coals off the fire of the golden altar of incense.

With the blood of the everlasting sacrifice and the incense of adoration and worship.

Without worship we do not have access beyond the Holy Place.

Until we learn to worship we are confined to the realm of the soul.

The only way out of the soul to the spirit is through worship. Sanctified by the blood.

Only two items of furniture in here occupying one of the same place.

The ark

The mercy seat - with the cherubim one on each end.

The holy of holies the realm of the Spirit

The three activities of the spirit are:

Worship - Fellowship - Revelation

All activities of the spirit have meaning only in relation to God himself.

The spirit is dead unless it is related with God.

Your soul can operate without direct relationship with God.

The spirit only comes alive when in contact with God.

If the spirit separates from God it is darkened.

All activities of the spirit have meaning only in relationship to God himself:

Worship - Fellowship - Revelation

The ark is Christ within your own spirit

There is a place within you where Christ is to dwell in the spirit.

The ark is always a type of Christ.

For this study we will look at 2 main arks
The great ark of Noah
The little ark of Moses.

The great ark typifies you in Christ
The little ark typifies Christ in you

Both N.T. relationships

The great ark

For salvation you enter into Christ by faith and God closes the door.

In Christ you pass through the waters of baptism which is an essential part of total salvation.

By the waters you are separated from the ungodly world.

Step out into: a new world
 a new covenant
 new sacrifices
 new laws.

Noah's ark is the most vivid picture of water baptism.

The little ark

Colossians 1: 27. To them God has chosen to make known among the gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Galations 2: 20. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

Made of acacia wood, an incorruptible wood, and lined both inside and out with gold.

Wood speaks of humanity perfect combination of true
Gold speaks of divinity humanity and true divinity.

The three items contained in the ark

Hebrews 9: 1-4. Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand, the table and the consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, 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.

The golden altar of incense was actually in the Holy Place but it was for entry into the Holy of Holies.

Contained in the ark - Golden jar of manna
 - Aarons staff that budded
 - Stone tablets of the covenant

While the ark was in the tabernacle of Moses it contained 3 items.

Later the tabernacle was replaced by another building which became Gods dwelling place in Israel.

2 Chronicles 5: 7-10. The priests then brought the ark of the Lord's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim. The cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark and covered the ark and its carrying poles. These poles were so long that their ends, extending from the ark, could be seen from in front of the inner sanctuary, but not from outside the Holy Place; and they are still there today. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets that Moses had placed in it at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites after they came out of Egypt.

The Jar and staff were taken out of the ark when the temple was built and the tabernacle ceased.

The tabernacle is a type of church in this age (now) light, mobile, impermanent - ready to be moved and re-assembled in a few hours.

Solomon's temple is the church in the next age. Established, localised, glorified, reigning in power visibly.

Now the church only reigns spiritually.

The contents of the ark

Lesson Eight

The tablets of stone

These represent Gods eternal, unchanging, righteous law.

There is a law in the universe that is an expression of Gods own righteousness.

It is as unchanging as God himself.

Psalm 40: 7-8. Then I said, "Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

The law was in Christ's heart, and was perfectly fulfilled by him.

God offered these stones to Israel but by the time Moses got down the mountain Israel were already breaking the first commandment by idolatry.

In anger Moses through down the tablets and they were broken. So the second time he came down the mountain with the new tablets he was not to show them to the people but put them in the ark.

Then they were covered with the mercy seat.

From then on it was a sin punishable by death to ever lift the lid of the ark. So that was the end of man ever keeping the law by his own efforts. From now on there will be another way, its not you keeping the law but Christ in you.

With the law in Christ's heart, and Christ in you, that's the only way of righteousness.

Romans 3: 20. Therefore no-one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law.

Don't go back to looking at two tablets of stone and say, "God I will do it." The devil will prove you a liar before the words are out of your mouth.

Never take the lid off the ark and try to keep the laws written on those tablets of stone.

GODS WAY IS NOW THE ARK (CHRIST IN YOU) AND THE LAW OF THE ARK.

Hebrews 8: 10 This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

The condition of being Gods people is that the law of God is written in our hearts.

Under the new covenant, through Christ, God's laws are written in the believers heart, thus controlling his life.

The golden jar of manna

John 6: 48-51. I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. 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."

John 6: 57. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

I have life by my union with the Father and the one that believes in me will have life by the union with me as I have union with the father and in that union with me he will feed upon me. And I will be hidden manna in his heart. And on that manna he will feed day by day.

John 14: 6 Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and LIFE. This is the life he was talking about.

Revelation 2: 17. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna.

We feed on Christ the manna by our inner spiritual communion with him.

Feeding on him, we live by him as he lived by his union with the father.

This is the inward spiritual union with Christ within, whereby he becomes the hidden manna in our hearts.

Aaron's staff that budded

Numbers 17: 1-10 Records the account of God vindicating Aaron's authority as High Priest.

The high priest was the only person with the right of entry into the Holy of Holies.

He had been challenged by the leaders of the other tribes. God said he would settle this challenge once and for all. Let the head of every tribe bring me his staff. Now the staff was the symbol of authority. Each man wrote his name on his staff. Moses placed the staffs in front of the ark, and left them there for 24 hours. On return they found that Aaron's staff, which represented the house of Levi, had not only sprouted but had budded, blossomed and produced almonds.

The name on that rod today is not Aaron but Jesus.

By the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. God vindicated the claims of Jesus.

Staff represents divine attestation which comes by divine revelation.

Go in with God and come out with revelation that is authority.

It's not preaching that's important but hearing from God.

The three items in the ark and what they represent

Worship

Worship relates to the tablets of stone.

Total submission to God.

His law never changes, bends or deviates.

It's complete reverence in approaching God.

Worship is not praise but the attitude in which we approach God.

Revelation 1: 17 *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead*

Revelation 4:10 *the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne*

Revelation 7:11 *All the angels....they fall on their faces before the throne.*

Ezekiel 1: 28 *When I saw it, I fell face down. (glory of the Lord)*

Daniel 10:15 *I bowed with my face toward the ground.*

First principle of prayer - your attitude in approaching God

Matthew 6: 9-11 *hallowed be your name
your kingdom come
your will be done.*

Bowing lower and lower before an almighty God.

Out of our approach in worship comes fellowship.

Fellowship

Fellowship relates to the Golden Jar of Manna.

Without worship we cannot have fellowship.

God will not fellowship with those who approach hastily or irreverently.

You feed upon the hidden manna. Your life is shared with Christ. His life is your life and your life is his life.

The area gets smaller and smaller the closer you get to God. 15' x 15' x 15'

There is nothing there to attract you but God.

God planned it that way.

Something in all of us gets scared the further we get in this approach.

Most of us come to God for things; blessings, healing, power.

God wants us just to come to him

We do not come into this place until we come to God for Gods sake.

We worship

 We bow before him

 We feed upon him

 We enjoy him.

Revelation

Revelation relates to the staff that budded.

The shekina glory illuminates this place.

Then out of worship and fellowship comes revelation.

If you by-pass this way you will get error and deception.

It is there God will confer upon you divine attestation and authority.

John 15: 16 Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

