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where extraordinary
things happen

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The Tabernacle:
A Divine Blueprint



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Part 1: A Dwelling Place for God

The Tabernacle is the place of fellowship/communion between God and man.

The Tabernacle is a type of:

- The Church
- The Virgin Mary (Theotokos)
- The Lord Jesus Christ

“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.” Hebrews 9:11

Primary Purpose:

WORSHIP, place of INTIMACY

So Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the Lord has said we will do.”... Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient.” And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, “This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words.” Exodus 24:3, 7-8

**God's desire isn't just obedience from us;
it's intimacy with us.**

“No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.” John 15:15

Secondary Purpose: SACRIFICE, place of GRACE

“When any one of you brings an offering to the Lord, you shall bring your offering of the livestock... he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the Lord. Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.” Leviticus 1:2-4

“For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.” Psalm 103:11-14

There can be no intimacy apart from grace.

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

**Come daily.
Come boldly.
Come as sons, not servants.**



Looking for help getting started with quiet time?

Sermon "Sitting with Jesus"



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Part 2: The Only Way to Enter God's Presence

“Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.”

Exodus 25:8

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“I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.” Leviticus 26:11-12

“For the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and give your enemies over to you; therefore your camp shall be holy, that He may see no unclean thing among you, and turn away from you.” Deuteronomy 23:14

The Outer Courtyard

THE GATE: There's only one way into God's Presence.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6

“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” 1 John 5:12

“According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.” Exodus 25:9

THE ALTAR: Entering God's Presence requires sacrifice.

"And none shall appear before Me empty-handed." Exodus 34:20

"The one who keeps the law makes many offerings... To keep from wickedness is pleasing to the Lord, and to forsake unrighteousness is an atonement. Do not appear before the Lord empty-handed, for all that you offer is in fulfillment of the commandment." Sirach 35:1-5

**In order to receive something new,
I must let go of something old.**

THE LAVER: Sacrifice leads to revival and refreshing, not regret.

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19

**What am I holding on to that needs
to be sacrificed?**

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Part 3: From Sacrifice to Loving Service

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A servant works out of fear of punishment or desire for reward; a son works out of love.

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:18-19

“Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning.” Psalm 110:3

**ONENESS OF HEART REQUIRES
ONENESS OF MISSION.**

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9

**There’s a connection between my INTIMACY WITH God
and my CONSECRATION TO His mission.**

THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND

“You are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16

“...that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,” Philippians 2:15

How am I bringing light into the darkness?

THE TABLE OF SHOWBREAD

“Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” ... And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.” John 21:17

How am I a source of nourishment for hungry souls?

THE ALTAR OF INCENSE

“But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:24-25

“we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” Romans 8:26

How am I interceding for those in need?

“you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2:5

“If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.” John 12:26

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Part 4: Inside the Holy of Holies

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“I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure... In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalm 16:8-11

The Holy of Holies

see Exodus 25:10-22

The Ark of the Covenant and The Mercy Seat

“...being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed...” Romans 3:24-25

‘hilastērion’: relating to an appeasing or expiating, having placating or expiating force, expiatory; a means of appeasing or expiating, a propitiation

- used of the cover of the ark of the covenant in the Holy of Holies, which was sprinkled with the blood of the expiatory victim on the annual day of atonement (this rite signifying that the life of the people, the loss of which they had merited by their sins, was offered to God in the blood as the life of the victim, and that God by this ceremony was appeased and their sins expiated); hence the lid of expiation, the propitiatory

God sits on a throne of mercy, not a throne of judgment.

“Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.” Hebrews 9:11-15

The tabernacle is all about God coming close to man, so man can come close to God.

“Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” Hebrews 10:19-22

**“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”
James 4:8**

Welcome

Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it's great to have you with us!

COFFEE'S ON US

Enjoy a hot cup of coffee and snacks.

WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU

Stop by the Connection Table so we can get to know each other and pick up your welcome gift.

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