

THE HOLY OF HOLIES!

Exodus 25:1-9

INTRODUCTION: Did you know that God wants to dwell with you? God wants to join in with you in all that you do! God wants each of us to enter into His presence and experience His power and enjoy His provisions for each of us. Exodus 25:8. God spent 40 days and nights showing Moses the directions and dimensions for constructing the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was a shadow of wonderful things to come. The Tabernacle was portable in its purpose, every time the Lord told the children of Israel to move they moved the Tabernacle so God was always with them. The Tabernacle was not only portable; it was a portrait pointing to the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Tabernacle was a house of symbols.

I. THE GATE!

The Tabernacle had one place of entrance. There was only one gate that leads into the presence of God. That gate was a picture of Jesus Christ: John 10:1-11; John 14:6.

II. THE BRAZEN ALTAR!

On the Brazen Altar innocent animals would be sacrificed. It was the blood that was shed on that altar that made it possible to move into the presence of God. Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:22. Those innocent animals were a picture of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God: Romans 5:6-9.

III. THE LAVER SPEAKS OF SANCTIFICATION!

Directly west of the Brazen Altar was the Laver where the priest would wash their hands and feet before entering the Holy Place. Before they could experience genuine worship they had to get cleaned up! Before real worship can take place there must be real cleansing: 1 John 1:8-9.

IV. THE CANDLESTICK SPEAKS OF ILLUMINATION!

The Candlestick was the only source of light in the Tabernacle. Exodus 27:20-21. The priest needed the light of the Candlestick to do their work in the Tabernacle. That Candlestick was a shadow of another light that would come into the world: John 8:12.

V. THE SHOWBREAD SPEAKS OF SATISFACTION!

Exodus 25:30: that Showbread, those twelve loaves were an offering of thanks to God from every tribe of Israel for God's grace and goodness to them. That Showbread pointed to an even greater provision: John 6:32-35. Jesus not only leads us, He feeds us!

VI. THE ALTAR SPEAKS OF INTERCESSION!

Exodus 30:1-10: On the Brazen Altar burned the sacrifice but on the Golden Altar burned the incense! The Brazen Altar spoke of salvation. The Golden Altar speaks of intercession: Psalm 141:2; Revelation 8:3; Luke 1:9-10. The incense speaks of our prayers and its continual burning reminds us of the necessity of constant prayer. This Golden Altar speaks of our Lord Jesus Christ's ministry for each of

us today. Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:24. We cannot even come to God in prayer without going through our Lord Jesus Christ.

VII. THE MERCY SEAT SPEAKS OF RECONCILIATION!

Exodus 25:17-22: The Mercy Seat was the covering for the Ark of the Covenant. The Mercy Seat points us to Jesus Christ who reconciles us to God. The Lord Jesus Christ is our Mercy Seat today. Romans 3:25-26. Jesus came to be our propitiation: a mercy seat, to reconcile us to God. Psalm 89:1: Psalm 118:1.

VIII. THE ARK OF THE COVENANT SPEAKS OF PRESERVATION!

Exodus 25:10-11, 16, 21: The Ark of the Covenant was God's testimony; God's witness! Every time we find an ark in the Bible God is preserving something! Inside the Ark of the Covenant was God's witness of His perfect plan for mankind. The two stone tablets that contained the Law spoke of God's perfection! Also in the Ark of the Covenant was Aaron's rod that budded. This spoke of God's power! Also in the Ark of the Covenant was golden pot of manna which speaks of God's provision pointing to our Lord Jesus Christ who is the Bread of Life!