

# Lesson 2

## The Holy of Holies

**Exodus 25:10-22, 26:1-37, 30:1-10, 36:8-34,  
37:1-9, 37:25-29, 40:33-38**

Begin today's lesson by asking the Holy Spirit to illumine your mind and to teach you His precepts.

1. What concept from last week's lesson was especially helpful or thought provoking to you?
2. Read Exodus 25:10-22, 26:1-37, 30:1-10, 36:8-34, 37:1-9, 37:25-29 and 40:33-38. What strikes you as you first read these chapters?

*“For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.”*

*Hebrews 9:24*

## The Holy Place

### The Altar of Incense/Golden Altar

**Exodus 30:1-10 and 37:25-28**

3. The altar of incense was in the Holy Place, just in front of the mercy seat, but on the outer side of the veil. Describe the altar of incense.
4. What is at every corner of this altar?
5. What does the incense symbolize according to Psalm 141:2 and Revelation 8:3-5?

6. What is Jesus doing for us now according to Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25 and I John 2:1?
7. How is perpetual incense pictured in I Thessalonians 5:16-18?
8. Tell about the aroma seen in II Corinthians 2:14-16.
9. Discuss the sacrifice we are called to make in Romans 12:1-2.

**The Curtains and the Veil**  
**Exodus 26 and 36:8-38**

10. Note and discuss anything you find interesting in the above verses.
11. Describe the veil that separated the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place in Exodus 26:31-33.
12. What does the veil represent according to Hebrews 10:20?
13. What happened at the moment Christ died according to Matthew 27:50-51?
14. What are we now free to do according to Hebrews 10:19-22 and Hebrews 4:16?
15. Spend some time now drawing near to the One who has made a way for us to come into His presence. Thank Him for His precious gift. What do you think it means to approach Him with

“confidence” (Hebrews 4:16 and 10:19)? What does it mean to you personally that He has invited you to come to Him?

## The Holy of Holies

The Holy of Holies was cube shaped; its sides and height were all equal. It was the most sacred place in the tabernacle compound. It was only to be entered once a year on the Day of Atonement by the High Priest who followed very specific requirements.

The only piece of furniture in the Holy of Holies was the Ark of Covenant, which was covered by the mercy seat.

### The Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat Exodus 25:10-22 and 37:1-9

16. Describe the ark of the covenant.
  
  
  
  
  
  
17. What was to go inside the ark? See also Exodus 34:29, Exodus 16:34, Numbers 17:10 and Hebrews 9:4.
  
  
  
  
  
  
18. Who is the “true manna” according to John 6:32-37 and John 6:47-51?
  
  
  
  
  
  
19. According to Matthew 5:17, who embodies the Law?
  
  
  
  
  
  
20. To whom has God given all authority according to Matthew 28:18?
  
  
  
  
  
  
21. Explain and discuss what God promised to do at the mercy seat in Exodus 25:22.
  
  
  
  
  
  
22. What happened in I Chronicles 13 and I Chronicles 15:1-3, 15:12-13 and 15:28?

23. What do you think these verses from I Chronicles teach about the ark?

The Greek word for *mercy seat* is translated *propitiation*.

24. Who is our mercy seat/propitiation according to Romans 3:24-25, I John 2:2 and I John 4:9-10?

25. The ark was made of wood covered with gold, symbolizing the dual nature of Jesus Christ. What does Philippians 2:5-8 teach about His dual nature?

## The Glory of the Lord

26. Read Exodus 40:33-38, and describe what happened when the tabernacle was completed.

The tabernacle was the forerunner of the temple, which was constructed during the reign of King Solomon. The temple was a permanent structure built in Jerusalem. Its size was about double that of the tabernacle.

27. Read about the dedication of the temple in I Kings 8:1-11. What happened on this occasion?

28. What happened to Jesus in Matthew 17:1-9?

29. What happened at the ascension of Jesus in Acts 1:9?

30. Summarize what you have learned about the glory of God from these questions.

## Prepare for Life

31. What have you learned from the study of the tabernacle about meeting with God?
32. Based on your study this week, what do you think God is teaching you or inviting you to do or be?