

JESUS IN THE TABERNACLE

PART 3 — WALK IN THE LIGHT

A Study Guide from My Daily Bread Global

Before we get into tonight's lesson, I want to ask you something honest: which room have you actually been living in? Not the room you'd say you're in if someone asked you at church. The room your decisions, your calendar, and your private thoughts actually come from. Tonight's teaching gives us a way to answer that question with more precision than we're used to.

WHERE WE LEFT OFF

We've been walking through the Tabernacle piece by piece — the single door, the brazen altar, the laver, the three-part structure of outer court, inner court, and Holy of Holies. We've seen that God wasn't handing Israel a tent; He was sketching the outline of Christ in wood, gold, and goat skin. Tonight we look at something in that structure that's easy to walk past: light. Specifically, three different kinds of it.

THE BIG IDEA

The Tabernacle has three sources of light, and each one corresponds to a stage of maturity in how we actually relate to God — not how we describe our relationship with Him, but how we function day to day. Where you get your light from tells the truth about where you live.

THREE ROOMS, THREE LIGHTS

1. Daylight — The Outer Court

Step into the courtyard and the only light you have is the sun. Nothing supernatural about it — anyone, believer or not, gets the same daylight. This is the room of natural senses: what you can see, taste, touch, and verify. A lot of us started our walk here and never actually left. We make our decisions the same way everyone else does — by what looks safe, what feels good, what the numbers say — and we just add a little prayer on top of it.

| **1 Corinthians 2:14** *the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God; they are foolishness to him.*

2. Candlelight — The Inner Court

Slip through the door into the tent and the sun is gone. The only light now comes from an oil-fed lamp — someone has to keep pouring oil in it, or it goes out. This is the room of the Word. You're no longer deciding by what you can see; you're deciding by what God said. Your friendships, your finances, your parenting start getting filtered through Scripture instead of instinct. This is also where revelation starts — not just reading words on a page, but the Spirit lighting up a verse until it becomes personal.

| **Psalms 119:105** *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

3. Divine Light — The Holy of Holies

Now go one room further, behind the veil, and there's no sun, no lamp — nothing man-made producing this light at all. It's the same unexplainable light God spoke into being on day one of creation, three full days before He ever made a sun or moon to explain it. This is the Shekinah — glory with no natural source. Very few Old Testament priests ever stood here. But because of the cross, this room isn't reserved for a spiritual elite anymore. It's the room where God stops needing your explanation and starts giving you His.

| **2 Corinthians 4:6** *God, who commanded light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

ONE MORE LAYER WORTH NOTICING

Track who's doing the work in each room. In the outer court, everything is man's labor — man cut the wood, man tied the animal, man carried the water. In the inner court, it's a mix — man baked the bread and lit the lamp, but the bread itself pictured Christ's body. In the Holy of Holies, man does nothing at all. No hands built that light. This maps

directly onto you: your body runs on natural instinct, your soul (mind, memory, emotion) gets shaped by how much Word you actually feed it, and your spirit is where God's Spirit and yours are fused together beyond what your mind can always explain or defend.

Romans 8:16 *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.*

SIT WITH THIS

1. Think about the last real decision you made — a relationship, a purchase, a schedule change. Which light were you actually operating under: what you could see, what the Word said, or something you sensed in your spirit that you couldn't fully explain?
2. Where has “natural light” been doing the job that God's Word should be doing in your life right now?
3. What would it cost you, specifically, to stop needing an explanation for what God is doing and simply trust the light you can't source?
4. Is there an area where you've been standing at the door — going in and out, in and out — instead of coming all the way in to feed yourself at the table?

BEFORE NEXT TIME

Pick one decision this week — something small is fine — and deliberately make it from the inner court instead of the outer court. Don't just pray about it. Find the verse that actually governs it, and let that verse outvote your instinct. Come back ready to tell someone what that cost you.