

Worship Through the Tabernacle — Part 1

The Outer Court — Sermon Companion & 7-Day Practice Guide

The Outer Court teaches us how sinners approached a holy God through **sacrifice and cleansing**. Under the New Covenant, Jesus fulfills both — and now shapes how we worship.

We do not approach through repeated sacrifice — but through a finished one.
We do not cleanse ourselves — we receive cleansing and walk in it.

The Outer Court — Key Elements

The Bronze Altar — Sacrifice First

Hebrew: *mizbeach* (מִזְבֵּחַ) — altar, place of sacrifice
Root: *zabach* — to slaughter for offering

Truth: No approach without sacrifice

Fulfillment: Jesus is the once-for-all sacrifice

Scripture: Hebrews 10:10–14; John 1:29

The Bronze Laver — Cleansing Before Closeness

Hebrew: *kiyyor* (קִיּוֹר) — basin for washing
Truth: Cleansing followed sacrifice
Fulfillment: Christ cleanses the believer

Greek: *katharizō* — to cleanse, purify

Scripture: Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:9

Worship Words to Remember

Hebrew — Worship

- **shachah** — to bow, surrender posture
- **kaphar** — to atone, cover

Greek — Access

- **parrēsia** — bold, confident access to God
(Hebrews 10:19)

New Covenant Worship Reality

Because Jesus is our mediator:

- We begin worship from **acceptance**, not toward it
- We bring ourselves — not animals — as offerings (Romans 12:1)
- We practice confession — not ritual washing
- We enter with reverence and confidence

7-Day At-Home Worship Practice

(5–10 Minutes Each Day)

Do one per day. Simple. Focused. Repeatable.

Day 1 — The Gate: Intentional Approach

Read: Hebrews 10:19–22

Sit quietly for one minute before praying.

Pray:

“Father, I approach You through Christ alone.”

Write one sentence:

What does it mean that access is given, not earned?

Day 2 — The Altar: Christ Our Sacrifice

Read: Hebrews 10:10–14

Speak aloud:

“Jesus, You are enough.”

Reflect:

Where do I still act as if I must earn forgiveness?

Day 3 — The Cost of Worship

Read: Romans 12:1

Identify one comfort you can surrender this week in obedience to God.

Offer it intentionally in prayer.

Day 4 — Cleansing Practice

Read: 1 John 1:9

Practice specific confession — not general.

Name the sin clearly.

Receive forgiveness verbally:

“I am cleansed in Christ.”

Day 5 — Posture of Worship

Read: Psalm 95:6

Physically kneel, bow your head, or open your hands for one minute.

Remember:

shachah — to bow low

Let your body teach your heart.

Day 6 — Clean Hands, Clear Heart

Read: Psalm 24:3–4

Ask:

- Where are my motives divided?
- Where do I need inner honesty with God?

Write one truth statement about what God desires in you.

Day 7 — Bold Access

Read: Ephesians 3:12

Greek word: *parrēsia* — confident access

Pray boldly — not timidly — for something aligned with God's will.

Do not qualify the prayer. Ask plainly.

Closing Reminder

Outer Court worship teaches us:

Sacrifice → Cleansing → Closeness

Now fulfilled in Christ:

Christ's Sacrifice → Christ's Cleansing → Confident Access

We do not rush past surrender.

We do not bypass cleansing.

We enter through Christ.