

## Christ Culture Community — Heart of Worship Series

### The Holy Place: A Pattern for Daily Worship

**Series Theme:** From Outer Court to Inner Life — Growing Deeper in Worship

**Teaching Focus:** The Holy Place — Daily Priestly Worship

**Primary Texts:** Exodus 25–30; Hebrews 8–10; 1 Peter 2:9

#### ◆ Teaching Overview — The Holy Place

In the Tabernacle, the Holy Place was the inner sanctuary where priests served daily before the Lord. It was not a place of casual entry but intentional ministry. While the Outer Court centered on sacrifice, the Holy Place centered on **ongoing worship practices** — light, prayer, and spiritual nourishment.

**Hebrew Term:** *Miqdash* (מִקְדָּשׁ) — sanctuary, sacred space set apart.

Only priests entered the Holy Place under the Old Covenant. Under the New Covenant, through Jesus Christ our High Priest, all believers are called a **royal priesthood** (1 Peter 2:9) and invited into a life of daily worship and nearness to God.

The Holy Place shows us that worship is not only an event — it is a rhythm.

#### ◆ The Three Furnishings — Three Dimensions of Worship

##### 🕯️ The Golden Lampstand — Light & Revelation

**Scripture:** Exodus 25:31–40 | John 8:12

The lampstand was the only light source in the Holy Place, fueled by pure oil supplied by the people.

#### It represents:

- God's truth and revelation
- Spiritual illumination
- Guidance for daily living
- Christ as the Light of the World

**Worship Truth:** We worship by walking in God's revealed truth.

### **The Altar of Incense — Prayer & Intercession**

**Scripture:** Exodus 30:1–10 | Psalm 141:2 | Revelation 5:8

Incense burned continually before the Lord, symbolizing prayers rising to God.

#### **It represents:**

- Ongoing prayer
- Intercession
- Spiritual fragrance
- Christ's continuing intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25)

**Worship Truth:** Prayer is priestly work — not optional, but central.

### **The Table of the Bread of the Presence — Spiritual Nourishment**

**Scripture:** Exodus 25:23–30 | John 6:35

The bread remained continually before the Lord and was regularly renewed.

#### **It represents:**

- God's sustaining presence
- Covenant fellowship
- Spiritual nourishment
- Christ as the Bread of Life

**Worship Truth:** Worship includes regularly feeding on God's Word and presence.

### **New Covenant Fulfillment**

Because of Jesus:

- The veil is torn (Matthew 27:51)
- Christ is our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14–16)
- We have direct access to God
- Every believer is called into priestly worship

## **Hebrews 10:22 (NIV)**

“Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings.”

### **Christ Culture Principle:**

We don't visit worship — we live it.

## **✔ Personal Worship Practices — At Home (5–10 Minutes Each)**

*Christ Culture Community — Weekly Embodiment Practices*

### **🕯 Light Practice — Walk in Illumination**

Read John 8:12 slowly.

Pray:

“Lord, shine Your light on my thoughts, choices, and attitudes today.”

Write down:

- One truth God is highlighting
- One way you will walk in that truth today

### **🌿 Incense Practice — Focused Prayer Rhythm**

Set a 5-minute timer.

Pray in three movements:

1. Gratitude — thank God specifically
2. Cleansing — confess honestly
3. Intercession — pray for 2–3 people by name

Sit silently for one minute at the end.

### **🍞 Bread Practice — Scripture Feeding**

Choose a short passage (Psalm or Gospel paragraph).

Read it three times:

- First — out loud
- Second — slowly
- Third — prayerfully

Ask:

- What stands out?
- What is God inviting me to receive or obey?

### **Sacred Space Practice — Create a Holy Moment**

Turn off devices. Sit still for 3 minutes.

Pray one sentence:

“Lord, I present myself to You.”

Practice being present — not performing.

### **Royal Priesthood Reflection**

Journal prompt:

“As part of God’s royal priesthood, my daily worship will include...”

Write one habit you will practice this week.