

**Passage:** Hebrews 9:1-5

**Title:** Praying the Tabernacle

**Summary:** in our study we will look at the Tabernacle that was erected as the Children of Israel were in the wilderness for 40 years. In our study we will see among many things, a beautiful outline for prayer. If you find that your prayer time often seems aimless or full of distractions, the Lord gives us a wonderful outline for wonderful prayer time with Him, as we look at the Tabernacle and all its details, and see it the center of where the High Priest would serve, who was a foreshadow of Jesus, who says come boldly to the throne of grace and ask for help in your time of need.

Today we will be studying the temple. It is important for us to have an understanding of the temple, because Jesus is our High Priest, and we therefore should understand the ministry of the High Priest in the temple, and why Jesus is superior to the Old Covenant that was centered on the temple.

#### Chapter 9 – Christ and His Mediation: Our Sin is Paid in Full

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#### Up Front Summary

So here is the amazing wrapping it all together before we begin, this praying, is all about getting to Him (Jesus) our High Priest who invites us into His presence, for intimacy and intercession..... Come says the Lord, I won't turn You away,

***Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)** <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*

#### Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

***Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)** <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

#### In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

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#### The Tabernacle – Its Layout – 9:1-5

(Hebrews 9:1 NKJV) Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary.

Cross reference: Exodus 25-30

Remember, make it exactly as I told you Moses, for it is a shadow of greater things:

***Hebrews 8:4-5 (NKJV)** <sup>4</sup> For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; <sup>5</sup> who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."*

*(Exodus 25:40 NKJV) "And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.*

**(Hebrews 9:2 NKJV) For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary;**

## Courtyard / 150 - 75

The Lord instructed Moses to establish a place of meeting between Him and the people, wherein a courtyard one hundred fifty feet long and seventy-five feet wide was to be cordoned off with white linen. Outside the courtyard was the court of the Gentiles, for no non-Jew could come into the Courtyard of God.

## Tabernacle / 45 – 15- 15 / Portable at First

The tabernacle was actually forty-five feet long, fifteen wide and fifteen feet tall. It was made of boards of Acacia wood that were overlaid with gold. They had silver sockets in them. They had these staves that they would put through the silver sockets, sockets that would hold the boards up in place. The tabernacle was portable because the children of Israel were moving through the wilderness. They could dismantle it and then again, put it back up. It was so constructed that it could be moved from place to place when God signified that the time had come to move on

The Tabernacle was a tent 45 feet by 15 feet and surrounded by an enclosure 150 feet by 75 feet. When the Lord gave these dimensions to Moses on Mt. Sinai, I wonder if Moses didn't say, or at least think, "Lord, You're making a mistake. We have three million people in camp on their way to the Promised Land. This is the place we're to meet with You and worship You. Yet You're making it only 150 feet by 75 feet? Isn't that rather small?" And if indeed Moses voiced those concerns, I wonder if the Lord didn't whisper in his heart, "It will be big enough — for at any given time, not many people will choose to expend the energy, take the time, or make the effort to come and seek Me."

*Courson, Jon. Praying Thru the Tabernacle (pp. 15-16). Searchlight. Kindle Edition.*

## His Humanity

Four layers of different materials covered the tent from the inside to the outside. These materials were:

1. Linen of the finest quality,
2. Goat's hair covering,
3. Ram skin covering dyed red,
4. Badger, porpoise, or sea cow skin covering.

The Hebrew word tahash is very difficult to translate. Most scholars agree that it refers to the skin of some kind of aquatic animal. As the outer layer, the leather skin protected the Tabernacle tent from rain or morning dew.

This Tabernacle was very common looking from the outside, and its covering would look so common from the outside, only those on the inside would know its glory and grandeur.

*Isaiah 53:1–3 (NKJV)* <sup>1</sup> Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup> For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. <sup>3</sup> He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

*John 1:1–2 (NKJV)* <sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.

*John 1:14 (NKJV)* <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Come to Me, He says to you today, He desires a relationship with you, He is the God-Man, who relates to you on the earthly level and heavenly.

*Matthew 11:28–30 (NKJV)* <sup>28</sup> Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

*Hebrews 4:14–16 (NKJV)* <sup>14</sup> Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## 2 Compartments / Holy Place / Menorah

Now, the tabernacle, itself, was divided into two compartments. The entrance was from the east. The first compartment that you came to, was called the Holy Place. That was thirty feet by fifteen feet.

### **The Golden Candlestick**

In the Holy Place, as you would enter, on the left-hand side, or the south side, there would be the Menorah, the candlestick with the arms coming out from it. And that was attended to on a daily basis by the priests. It was important that they kept it burning twenty-four hours a day. And so the priests would come in. They would trim it, the wicks. They would keep the oil supplied in the Menorah so that there was a constant light in place called the Holy Place. There would be sacrifices made in the Holy Place daily.

### **Table of Show Bread**

As you would enter into on the left would be this Menorah, on the right hand side would be a small table with twelve loaves of bread, two rows of six. This was the table of shewbread. Each loaf of bread represented a tribe of Israel, the twelve tribes. Only every week they would replace the bread and only the priest could eat that shewbread, made of fine flour.

### **Altar of Incense / Worship of Gods People**

Then in the front would be the altar of incense, where the priests would take and offer this incense, which was representative of the worship of God's people. It was a sweet smelling savor, the prayers of God's people actually in heaven. They bring the little golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints. So it's the worship, the prayers of the saints, presented to God in a figurative form in the incense because our prayers come up to God as a sweet smelling savor.

**(Hebrews 9:3 NKJV) and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All,**

### **The Holy of Holies / 15 foot cube /**

Then there was this curtain that divided the room into two compartments. Within the curtain or the veil, and known as the veil of the temple. It was known as the veil of tabernacle. (It was written in Hebrew writings that the veil was 10 inches thick. They say it took dozens of priests to handle it and hang it). Within it there was the **Holy of Holies** or the Holiest of All. And the Holy of Holies was a fifteen foot cube. It was fifteen feet wide, fifteen long and fifteen feet high.

**(Hebrews 9:4 NKJV) which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;**

### **Ark of Covenant / 10 Commandments / Manna / Aron's Rod**

There in the center of it was the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark of the Covenant was a box. Within the box were the two tables of stone, upon which God inscribed the Ten Commandments. There was also a jar of manna. There was also the rod of Aaron that budded. When an argument came up over Aaron's qualifications and all, for the priest hood. There were others who felt that they had a right to be priest also in offering the atonement, they brought the priest and each one laid it out before Lord one night. In the morning when they came in, Aaron's stick had blossomed and budded. It had almonds on it. Thus, it was signified that Aaron was the chosen high priest of God. So that rod was also in this box called the Ark of the Covenant. Again, it was made of Acacia wood, overlaid with gold.

**(Hebrews 9:5 NKJV) and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.**

### **Mercy Seat / No Light / Lit by Shekinah Glory**

On top of the box was lid, called the mercy seat. It was also covered with gold. And then atop the mercy seat, there were these solid gold cherubim. This inner part of the tabernacle, the Holy of Holies, had no external light, but it was lit by just the light of God's presence, called the Shekinah.

The last place in the Tabernacle is beyond the veil into the Holy of Holies wherein the visible, tangible presence of God dwelt. Inside the Holy of Holies was the Ark of the Covenant - a two foot by three-foot box covered by the mercy seat, over which the Shekinah glory of God rested.

Only the high priest, only on the Day of Atonement, could enter the Holy of Holies. (Hebrew. Yom Kippur), a fast day on which no work was done, observed in Israel ten days after the fall new year (Lev. 23:27-32) to atone for the sins of the past year. An offering of incense was made by the high priest in the innermost chamber of the Temple, the Holy of Holies, the only time in the year he entered there. The sins of the people were symbolically placed upon the 'scapegoat,' which was driven into the wilderness. Hebrews 8-9 draw heavily on the Day of Atonement to explain Christ's sacrifice.

And if the high priest entered with any unconfessed sin, he died. But when Jesus cried, "It is finished!" the veil separating the Holy of Holies was ripped from top to bottom. It was as if God declared, "Open House! Any man, every man, can come into My presence at any time because the blood of My Son has cleansed you perfectly and completely."

That is what the picture is that the Lord paints for us, that the "mercy" seat covers the 10-Commandments, the Law, that was written against, and it is covered with and by "mercy"!

*Colossians 2:14 (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.*

### Through the Door

Mercy covers us, as we come through the "Door", the Way that has been made for us through Jesus Christ.

*John 10:7-10 (NKJV) <sup>7</sup> Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

*John 14:6 (NKJV) <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

### 4 Groups of People – 1 Door

Exodus 27:16 describes the gate

For the gate of the court there shall be a screen of twenty cubits, of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver, with their four pillars and their four sockets.

- 1) The entrance or door into the outer courtyard was made of the same fabric as the door into the tabernacle itself and the veil that separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies, because whether we are talking about the door into the courtyard—the place of salvation,
- 2) The door into the holy place—the place of service,
- 3) Or the door into the Holy of Holies—the place of worship, it's all the same Door. It's all through Jesus.

You see, just as the tabernacle was comprised of three sections—the outer courtyard, the holy place, and the Holy of Holies—there are three stages in our life in Christ...

It is really four if you consider those who are outside the gate, who have no desire to come in, they choose to refuse the invitation to "come in", and so too will they be outside in eternity, the place of torment for breaking God's Holy law, the place of hell

*Revelation 22:12-17 (NKJV) <sup>12</sup> "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup> But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. <sup>16</sup> "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." <sup>17</sup> And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.*

But regarding the 3 sections of the Tabernacle, and God's people:

1. The first group is those who are inside the courtyard. They have accepted Christ, they are part of the kingdom. They realize Jesus Christ; the Lamb of God was slain for their sins. They have received His salvation, they embrace His grace.
2. The second group is those who say, "Because God has been so good to me, I want to serve Him." So they go into the holy place and serve the showbread, which speaks of the Word of God. They teach Sunday school, lead family devotions, and share the Word with someone at work. They see the golden lamp stand and desire to let their light shine through good works (Matthew 5:16)—through helping in the nursery, through visiting people who are in the hospital, through helping those in need. They smell the incense burning and are reminded that it speaks of intercession. So they pray consistently for the lost and for their brothers and sisters, for their families and the country.
3. But the third group are those who, like the high priest himself, enter in to the Holy of Holies in order to simply spend time in the Lord's presence—to consider His character, ponder His nature, give Him praise, express their love, bring Him pleasure. I think we will be surprised in heaven when we see these certain people who would just sit quietly in church, not seeking the attention of men but fellowshipping with the Father. All too often, we don't understand this. We think if we could lead worship, preach a sermon, or be a missionary, we'd be amazing. But those things don't hold a candle to the highest level—to coming into the Presence of the Lord and worshiping Him intimately. And here's the key: the highest form of ministry, the most satisfying aspect of ministry is available to every single person right now.

Jesus gives us an example of this when He went to the home of His close friends in Bethany—the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

- 1) Lazarus is not mentioned in the Luke 10 account. He was outside, in the outer courtyard, he's saved but he is not doing any more. He was a friend of the Lord to be sure. But he was outside.
- 2) Martha was in the kitchen, or the holy place, serving. She was baking bread, doing good works, and even praying, "Lord, tell my sister to get in here and help me!"
- 3) Mary, however, was sitting at the feet of Jesus. She was in the Holy of Holies. And, of her, Jesus said, "Mary has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Nothing compares to being in the Holy of Holies, to being in the Lord's presence. It's the highest calling, the most important aspect of ministry. And it's available to every one of us.

Salvation, service, and intimacy are all entered through the same door—through Jesus' finished work on the Cross.

- 1) "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16). That's the door into the courtyard.
- 2) "If any man come after Me, let him take up His cross and follow Me" (Mark 8:34). That's the door into the holy place, into service.
- 3) "Take, eat. This is My body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19). That's the door into the deepest place of ministry.

Paul put it this way: "It's the love of Christ that constrains me, motivates me to be a servant of His" (2 Corinthians 5:14). And, "Even as you received Christ Jesus, so walk ye in Him" (Colossians 2:6).

*Colossians 2:6 (NKJV)* <sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

*2 Corinthians 5:14 (NKJV)* <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;

## **David Wants to Build a House for the Lord**

So we have seen that God told Moses to build the Tabernacle exactly as He instructed, and then after the Children came into Israel, a few hundred years later, David comes to the Lord, and says, "I want to build you a dwelling place. I want to make you a home." The Lord would answer, "David, I didn't ask for you to build me a place to dwell." But David's response in his heart is, "But I want to. It's on my heart." And the Lord would later say, "You did well, that it was in your heart." And so David is pouring his heart out to the Lord, "I want to build you a place for you to dwell." And God says, "Okay David, I'm going to honor that request." David says, "And how should I build it?" Just as Moses was told how to build it exactly. God says, "Let me tell you how then, to build this temple." And He gives David the blueprint on how to build it, to every last detail.

**2 Chronicles 6:6–11 (NKJV)** <sup>6</sup> Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there, and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel. <sup>7</sup> Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. <sup>8</sup> But the LORD said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well in that it was in your heart. <sup>9</sup> Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name.' <sup>10</sup> So the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke, and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built the temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. <sup>11</sup> And there I have put the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD which He made with the children of Israel."

**1 Chronicles 28:11–12 (NKJV)** <sup>11</sup> Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; <sup>12</sup> and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, of all the chambers all around, of the treasures of the house of God, and of the treasures for the dedicated things;

**1 Chronicles 28:19 (NKJV)** <sup>19</sup> "All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans."

And nothing changes. 1 Corinthians 3:16, "Do you not know that you are the temple of the living God?" And it's us who says, "Lord, I want to build you a place. Lord, I see your glory and your love and your wonder and your awe. I want to prepare a place for you. Let me do this for you." And God says, "Okay. You did well that it's on your heart. And I will allow you to build a place, but you have to build it exactly in accordance with how I say, just like David, and just like Moses," and here we are today, "Lord, I want to build you a place."

**1 Corinthians 3:16 (NKJV)** <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

And God says, "Oh, I'll honor that. And you know where I want to build that permanent place?" "Where Lord, tell us?" "I want to build it in your heart, and here's how exactly I want you to do it." And He gives us the way, the blueprint, the word of how to prepare a heart for Him to dwell in, how to make a home for Him to be at home in. And it's a beautiful calling and it's a beautiful place, and what a high calling and what a high honor we have, that we get to make our heart because it's on our heart to have a place for God to dwell, so close and so imminent. And He says, "Here's exactly how."

And the Lord says, "Delight thyself in the Lord and He shall give you the desires of your heart." Some people take that, "I'm going to whip it up and try to butter you up, Lord, so that you'll give me what's on my heart. I want this, I want that." But that's not what it means. God always initiates. And whatever He would initiate for your life and my life is better than anything we could ever ask for, ever. And that's where you come to Proverbs 3:5 and 6. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not in your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths." And that's a sure word, it's a true word, and it's a beautiful word.

**Psalm 37:4 (NKJV)** <sup>4</sup> Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

I believe the desires of our heart, and what God puts in, stirs us up, and then we respond. And one of the greatest places that God does his work on this earth is through prayer. Prayer is where heaven and earth connect. It's the whole thing we've been studying here with the High Priest, coming in, interceding, mediating, calling us into the heavenly tabernacle. But here we have this mobile tabernacle right now, if you would. And it's a beautiful place to step in, and God puts in us, desires that we pray, a lost and dying world. We pray for missionaries, we pray for provisions, we pray for holiness, we pray for the word of God. And amazingly, as you walk through the tabernacle, you see all of that. Let's take a look at praying through the tabernacle.

## **The House of Prayer**

My house shall be called a House of Prayer

*Isaiah 56:7 (NKJV) <sup>7</sup> Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."*

*Matthew 21:12–13 (NKJV) <sup>12</sup> Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup> And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "*

## **Lord Teach Us to Pray**

"Lord, teach us to pray," the disciples said. It was the only recorded lesson they ever requested of Jesus. As far as we know, they never said, "Lord, teach us to preach, teach us to multiply bread, or teach us to heal." Why? I am convinced it is because they realized that everything Jesus did was the direct result of His prayer life. They would see Him slip away a great while before daybreak to pray. They knew He was on the mountain praying the night they were toiling at the oars in the storm. Even Judas Iscariot knew that when things were coming down and looking dark, he could find Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, in the place He frequently went to pray. Like the disciples, we understand the importance of prayer. Yet most of us are also very keenly aware of the impotence of prayer in our own lives. We know we ought to be people who pray. We want to be people who pray. But, all too often, we are like the disciples who, when Jesus said, "Watch and pray," fell asleep. "Lord," the disciples said, "teach us to pray." And such is the cry of our own hearts. We understand the power of prayer — and yet we struggle with prayer. I think I know why this is. The enemy would rather have us do just about anything than pray. He would rather we preach than pray. He would rather we read a good Christian book than pray. He would rather we talk to someone about spiritual things than pray because he knows prayer is where the power is. So he distracts us with seemingly good things to keep us away from the best. To counter this, the Lord showed me something that has been incredibly helpful for me. Years ago, when I was teaching through the Old Testament, He spoke to my heart in a very real way concerning the use of the Tabernacle as a pattern for prayer. (Courson)

*Luke 11:1–4 (NKJV) <sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."* <sup>2</sup> So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. <sup>3</sup> Give us day by day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one."*

## The Tabernacle – A model for prayer

- The Gate -The place of thanksgiving
- The Courtyard. -The place of praise
- The Brass Altar -The place of confession
- The Brass Laver -The place of meditation
- The Table of Showbread -The place of petition
- The Golden Candlestick -The place of ministry
- The Altar of Incense -The place of intercession
- The Holy of Holies -The place of worship

## The Gate -The place of thanksgiving

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving...

Psalm 100:4

*Psalm 100:4 (NKJV) <sup>4</sup> Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.*

*John 10:7–10 (NKJV) <sup>7</sup> Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

How are Gods people to enter the Courtyard of the Tabernacle? The bible says were to enter His gates with thanksgiving (Psalm 100:4)

THANKSGIVING — the aspect of praise that gives thanks to God for what He does for us. Thanksgiving should come from a grateful heart, and thanksgiving is required of all believers no matter how we feel.

Thanksgiving is so important. When people ask me how to find God's will for their lives, I often answer, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Thanksgiving is always a good place to begin. Why does God desire for us to give thanks in everything? Why does the psalmist declare that it is good to give thanks to the Lord? Because oftentimes we can find ourselves feeling heavy or weighed down, and the key to the suppression of depression is not to pop a pill, but to thank the Lord. Begin to thank the Lord for specific things. Thank Him that you're alive, that your molecular structure is not that of a slug or a dirt clod, that you've been given eternal life — and watch the clouds of depression begin to part.

Paul and Silas certainly found this to be true. With beaten, bloody backs, they were tossed into a Roman prison as punishment for preaching the Gospel. Yet, as they sang songs to the Lord, as they entered His Gates with thanksgiving, it wasn't long before they walked out of the prison gates, rejoicing (Acts 16).

The same will be true for you. The dungeon doors of depression will swing open in the midnight hour if you begin to thank God and express your gratitude to Him. You see, a grateful man will always be a great, full man. You know this to be true. The greatest, fullest people you've known are people who are grateful.

First Thessalonians 5:18 tells us we are to give thanks in everything. In addition to this, Ephesians 5:20 says we are to give thanks for everything. I can either choose to be depressed or to give thanks in everything and for everything. If I choose the latter, I suddenly find myself much freer to pray than when I was grumpy and glum. A good way to begin your prayer time, dear brother or sister, is to give thanks in everything and to give thanks for everything. Then watch and see how that will lubricate the wheels of prayer. (Courson)

**1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)** <sup>18</sup> in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**Ephesians 5:20 (NKJV)** <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)** <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**Colossians 1:3–5 (NKJV)** <sup>3</sup> We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; <sup>5</sup> because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,

**1 Thessalonians 1:2–7 (NKJV)** <sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup> remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, <sup>4</sup> knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. <sup>5</sup> For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

**Philippians 4:6 (NKJV)** <sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

### The Courtyard. -The place of praise

...and into His courts with praise...Psalm 100:4

**Psalm 100:4 (NKJV)** <sup>4</sup> Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

Exodus 27:9-20 describes the courtyard

We come to the description of the linen fence which formed the courtyard surrounding the tabernacle. At one hundred cubits long by fifty cubits wide, or one hundred and fifty feet by seventy-five feet, this area was not very big considering that it was for a congregation of possibly three million people. But again, perhaps in it the Lord was saying, "At a given time, I know not many people will seek Me."

Sixty pillars—twenty each on the north and south sides, ten on the east and west sides—kept the linen fence in place and kept out people who didn't belong inside, those who weren't part of the family. (hedge of protection)

After spending time thanking the Lord for what He has done, we praise Him for who He is. Again, as specifically as possible, praise God for His beauty, purity and creativity, for His mercy, grace, and love, for His faithfulness, His holiness, His kindness.

Why does God want us to praise Him? Is it because He's unsure of Himself? Is it because He's insecure? Not at all. We praise God to foster within our own hearts a spirit of expectation. Remembering the nature of our heavenly Father allows us to come to Him with great confidence.

When I begin to pour out my burdens and my questions to the Lord, if I have already exalted Him for being omnipotent and compassionate, I don't have to wonder if He is strong enough or loving enough to answer my prayers. Praising God for who He is gives me confidence that He is able to handle the burdens that are too heavy for me.

That's why we have praise and worship before we look into God's word, to prepare our hearts to receive the Word. That's why when the children of Israel ask God what tribe to send first into battle, God told them "send Judah". Judah means praise.

The people of Judah were surrounded by the Ammonites, the Edomites, and the Moabites. The situation looked grim indeed. But Jahaziel, a prophet of God, said to Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, "Believe the word of the Lord. He will see you through." So Jehoshaphat called for the choir, and the choir went out into the face of the battle. "Praise ye the Lord," they sang. "His mercy endures forever." This so confused the Ammonites, Edomites, and Moabites that they unsheathed their swords and turned their weapons upon each other. The enemy was confused and defeated not when the troops came out swinging, but when the choir came out singing (2 Chronicles 20). We've experienced the same phenomenon, haven't we? The depression and oppression of demonic entities that surround us actually flee when we begin to praise God. Satan seems to run at the sound of praise. Why? I suggest it might be that praise reminds him of who he once was: Lucifer, the worship leader of Heaven before he rebelled and was cast out. Therefore, I wonder if when Satan and his hellish henchmen hear praise it doesn't sound to them like fingernails on a chalkboard or the drone of a dentist's drill does to us. I wonder if the sound of praise irritates Satan because it stirs within him memories of the heavenly life that was his before the dust of earth became his home. There is a difference between thanksgiving and praise. Thanksgiving thanks God for what He does for us. Praise acknowledges who He is to us. God does not need praise. It is we who need to praise so that we remember the nature of the One to whom we bring our requests. I am reminded of the strength and love of the One to whom I pray when I enter His Courts with praise.

(Courson)

**2 Chronicles 20:15–17 (NKJV)** <sup>15</sup> And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's. <sup>16</sup> Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. <sup>17</sup> You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you."

**2 Chronicles 20:21–22 (NKJV)** <sup>21</sup> And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever." <sup>22</sup> Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

After thanking and praising God we come to the altar.

### The Brass Altar -The place of confession

Leviticus 17:11 tells us

**Leviticus 17:11 (NKJV)** <sup>11</sup> For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'

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Exodus 27:1-2 describe the altar

"And you shall make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide; the altar shall be square, and its height shall be three cubits. "You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with brass.

At seven and one-half by seven and one-half by four and one-half feet, the Altar is not only the first object one would see when entering the tabernacle, but the largest. The place where sacrifices would be made, where blood would be shed, it speaks of the Cross.

This is where the Israelites would bring their sin and trespass offerings. As they placed their hand upon the bull, goat, or lamb they brought as a sacrifice, they would confess their sin -not generically, but specifically. Then they would watch as the throat of the animal was slit and the blood drained. The animal laid upon the Brass Altar would be an unforgettable picture of the result of their sin. The bible tells us that the wages of sin are death.

*Romans 6:23 (NKJV) <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

In this example for prayer, the Brass Altar is the place where confession is made.

*1 John 1:9 (NKJV) <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Confession does not mean that we promise never to sin again - because in us dwells no good thing (Romans 7:18). Therefore, to promise not to sin again is a promise that is impossible for us to keep. Confession is simply agreeing with God, saying the same thing He says.

What does God say? He says Sin is not a disease, it's not a vulnerability, it's not a weakness. It's sin. It's not borrowing - it's stealing. It's not stretching the truth - it's lying. It's not an affair – it's adultery.

Confession says, "Father, I agree with You that this thought or action is sin. It causes erosion within me. It's destructive to my family. It's harmful for the kingdom. It's not right."

Again, be specific. Don't say, "For-give me for all my sins today," or, "Forgive me for not loving the way I should." Say, "Forgive me for lying to her," or, "Forgive me for hating my neighbor. That's honest confession.

Confession doesn't bring forgiveness, because on the cross Jesus said "It is finished". He secured our salvation; He paid for our sins, past, present and future.

Confession frees us from our sin, it liberates us. Confession in our lives rolls away the stone and transforms that sin that once reeked of death into the sweet savor of life. (2 Corinthians 2:14-15) But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;

The other thing confession does is it gives us an appreciation for how much God loves us. Jesus told Simon the Pharisee "the one who is forgiven much loves much."

Just remember we don't need to sin more to love more, we already sin plenty.

### The Brass Laver -The place of meditation

John 15:3 tells us

*John 15:3 (NKJV) <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.*

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Exodus 30:17-21 describes the laver,

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "You shall also make a laver of brass, with its base of brass, for washing; and you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it. "Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet from it; when they enter the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, so that they will not die; or when they approach the altar to minister, by offering up in smoke a fire sacrifice to the Lord. "So they shall wash their hands and their feet, so that they will not die; and it shall be a perpetual statute for them, for Aaron and his descendants throughout their generations."

The first thing you would see when you entered the courtyard of the tabernacle was the brass altar. The second thing would be the brass laver, or basin, filled with water. The water was to provide restoration, refreshment, renewal, revival.

(John 15:3; and Ephesians 5:26 tell us).The water was the Word.

[Ephesians 5:26 \(NKJV\)](#) <sup>26</sup> that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

Aaron and his sons were to wash their hands and feet at, rather than in the laver by drawing water from it so that the water within would remain pure. The water of the Word remains one hundred percent pure. The Word of God is the same yesterday today and tomorrow.

After making the sacrifice (killing the animal) the priest would go to the brass laver take some water out and wash the blood that had splattered on them, and any dirt he had on him. The water for us is the Word of God, that's what we want to meditate on, Gods Word.

That's what David asked in Psalm 119:9; how can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.

[Psalm 119:9 \(NKJV\)](#) <sup>9</sup> How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

That's what Paul tells us to do for our wives in Ephesians 5:26

So that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

The Brass Laver is where we stop and "wash ourselves' in the Word by reflecting on one or two verses. You see, the inside of the Laver was made of the mirrors the Israelites brought with them out of Egypt (Exodus 12:36, 38:8). So, when the priest looked in the Laver, he could see his reflection and wash accordingly.

James also likens the Word to a mirror (James 1:23). As we open the Word, and allow the Lord to minister a few verses to us, and as we begin to fellowship with Him, we feel refreshed and cleansed by Him just as surely as the priests experienced refresh-ment and cleansing at the Laver.

[James 1:23 \(NKJV\)](#) <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

### The Table of Showbread -The place of petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

Matthew 6:11

[Matthew 6:11 \(NKJV\)](#) <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread.

[John 6:48 \(NKJV\)](#) <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life.

These "I AM" statements, are from Exodus where God identifies Himself as "I Am" which means in the Hebrew language, "The Becoming One", and God want to become to you all you need today. He makes the point clear to us, it is His name forever!

**Exodus 3:13–15 (NKJV)** <sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup> Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'

Exodus 25:23-30 describes the table

Now we enter the Tabernacle (the tent) the place of service. As we do we see on the right the Table of Showbread containing the twelve loaves of bread the priests would eat to satisfy their own hunger.

1 Peter 2:5 tells us we are members of the holy priesthood, so the Table of Showbread is where we pray for our daily needs.

**1 Peter 2:5 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup> you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

"Isn't that selfish? Not at all. If I'm going to be a blessing to my family at home, to the people in my fellowship, to the people in my neighborhood, to my friends at work, I need to be blessed myself. Therefore, we come boldly before the throne of God and say, "Father, I have needs."

When the Pharisees accused Jesus' disciples of breaking the Law when they plucked grain on the Sabbath (Matthew 12), Jesus said to them don't you know what the bible says? (That was a low blow to the Pharisees) Then Jesus referred them to the account in 1 Samuel 21, where David was given bread from the Table of Showbread to sustain him as he fled from Saul. In other words, Jesus condemned neither David nor His disciples for having needs or being cognizant of their needs. Remember human need always comes before religious tradition.

The problem is not with having needs. The problem lies into whom or where we go to meet them. Our Heavenly Father knows we have need of "all these things" (Matthew 6:32), and He alone is the One who can supply them (Philippians 4:19)

**Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)** <sup>19</sup> And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

The Table of Showbread speaks of the desire and ability of our Heavenly Father to supply all of our needs according to His purpose.

### The Golden Candlestick -The place of ministry

Matthew 5:16 tells us; Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

**Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)** <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**John 8:12 (NKJV)** <sup>12</sup> Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Exodus 25:31-40 describes the Lamp stand (The Menorah)

The second piece of furniture within the Tabernacle itself was the Golden Candlestick. As seen in Revelation 2 and 3, the Candlestick speaks of churches and ministries. Therefore, this is where we can pray for ministry: ministries we are directly part of, ministries we are familiar with, ministries we read about, or even ministries different from our background, or preference. We can pray for churches and pastors by name. We pray for foreign missions and for other organizations that preach Jesus.

Why?

When David was fighting against the Amalekites after the Ziklag attack, two hundred of his men couldn't go to the front lines. Instead, they stayed behind and guarded the supplies. When David and his men returned victorious, those who went with David into battle said, "We'll split the spoils only between us."

"Not so," David said. "The guys on the supply lines will be rewarded to the same degree that you are" (1 Samuel 30).

This means that when you pray for other ministries, by keeping the "supply lines" open, you participate in that ministry and will share in its reward when you stand before the Lord.

We can pray for ministers and ministries - locally, regionally, and internationally - Not only because without prayer their effectiveness will be diminished, but also because we'll get to share in the rewards and blessings of what the Lord does through them!

Isaiah tells us that the nation of Israel was to be a light to the Gentiles (Isaiah 60: 1-2). In other words, the reason Israel was initially created was to show the whole world how to know God and how to walk with Him. So too, as believers, it is our privilege and responsibility to pray for ministries that shed light on what it means to know God and to walk with Him.

If you're looking for rewards, if you want to hear God say, "Well done," I encourage you to spend time at the Golden Candlestick. Pray for the lights of the world - not just the one you're involved in, not just those of your flavor, but for all kinds of ministries. Not only will your prayers affect the ministries you're praying for, but your prayers will also have a powerful altering effect on your own perspective about churches and denominations different than yours. And you will find yourself being enlightened and ignited in a new way in your love for all of His family, the entire Church in totality.

### The Altar of Incense -The place of intercession

Matthew 5:44 tells us;

**Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV)**<sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

**Matthew 5:44 (NKJV)**<sup>44</sup> But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Exodus 30:1-2 describes the Altar of Incense

"Moreover, you shall make an altar as a place for burning incense; you shall make it of acacia wood. Its length shall be a cubit, and its width a cubit, it shall be square, and its height shall be two cubits; its horns shall be of one piece with it.

The third object inside the Tabernacle was the Altar of Incense.

According to Revelation 8, the Altar of Incense speaks of intercession.

This is where we can intercede, or pray, for people. If you need to make a list and go right down it, praying for people by name. Pray for your family, your friends, your neighbors, your brothers and sisters in Christ - and for your enemies (Matthew 5:44).

Now when you pray for your "enemies," just remember the words of Jesus who said, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Matthew 7:12). How do you want people to pray for you? Do you want them to pray, "Lord, humble him today. Break him that he might see how wrong he is"? When people pray for me, I want them to say, "Lord, be merciful to Harry. Be gracious. Be kind. He's a little slow." If that's how I want to be prayed for, I need to pray for others in the same way.

Even if someone has hurt you deeply, remember even though you can't change how you feel about that person, you can change how you think about that person.

God can change your heart but He won't change your mind. However, if you change your mind, God will change your heart. How do you change your mind?

You say, "Lord, You taught me to pray for, to forgive, and to love my enemies. Therefore, I choose to do that right now. Bless him. Encourage her. Amaze them with Your grace today."

And, sure enough, as I spend time at the Altar of Incense, as I change my mind and pray for my enemies, God is faithful to change my own heart every time.

### The Holy of Holies -The place of worship

(the place of intimacy)

**Psalm 46:10 (NKJV)** <sup>10</sup> Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

**James 4:8 (NKJV)** <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Exodus 26:33-34

"You shall hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring in the ark of the testimony there within the veil; and the veil shall serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies.

"You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the holy of holies.

The last stop in the Tabernacle is beyond the veil into the Holy of Holies wherein the visible, tangible presence of God dwelt. Inside the Holy of Holies was the Ark of the Covenant - a two foot by three-foot box covered by the mercy seat, over which the Shekinah glory of God rested.

Only the high priest, only on the Day of Atonement, could enter the Holy of Holies. (Hebrew. Yom Kippur), a fast day on which no work was done, observed in Israel ten days after the fall new year (Lev. 23:27-32) to atone for the sins of the past year. An offering of incense was made by the high priest in the innermost chamber of the Temple, the Holy of Holies, the only time in the year he entered there. The sins of the people were symbolically placed upon the 'scapegoat,' which was driven into the wilderness. Hebrews 8-9 draw heavily on the Day of Atonement to explain Christ's sacrifice.

And if the high priest entered with any unconfessed sin, he died. But when Jesus cried, "It is finished!" the veil separating the Holy of Holies was ripped from top to bottom. It was as if God declared, "Open House! Any man, every man, can come into My presence at any time because the blood of My Son has cleansed you perfectly and completely."

Therefore, because of the finished work of the cross, even I, sinful man that

I am, can experience the glory, the intimacy, the presence of God. This is where we worship.

How do I worship?

"Come let us worship and bow down."

"Clap your hands, all ye people." "Shout unto God with a voice of triumph- "Be still and know that I am God." "Sing praise unto the Lord and bless His name."

Singing, shouting, and silence; bowing before Him and standing in awe of Him are among the expressions God has ordered. Worship isn't about what I like. Worship is about what God desires.

So, in the Holy of Holies, I say, "Lord, I lift my hands as Your Word tells me to do. I bow my knees in adoration of You."

I lift my hands, sometimes bow my knees, sometimes lie prostrate on the floor. Sometimes I'll just sit quietly. Other times, I'll pray in the Spirit or sing loudly. In all of these ways and more, I find myself spending intimate time in the presence of God.

God says, "draw near to Me and I will draw near to you".

*James 4:8 (NKJV)<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

### **Conclusion**

So here is the amazing wrapping it all together, this praying, is all about getting to Him (Jesus) our High Priest who invites us into His presence, for intimacy and intercession..... Come says the Lord, I won't turn You away,

*Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*

### **Prayer**

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

*Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

### **In Every Study**

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

*Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*

### **Close in prayer**

- 1) The gate-The place of thanksgiving (Jesus our door to salvation)
- 2) The Courtyard-The place of praise (we praise You for you alone are worthy of our praise) prepare our hearts.
- 3) The Brass Altar-The place of confession (we lay our sins at Your feet Jesus, confident that You have paid the price in full. Help us to turn from our evil ways, to repent of our sins.)
- 4) The Brass Laver-The place of meditation. Father as we wash in your word, cleanse us from all unrighteousness and let us be grounded in Your Word.
- 5) The Table of Showbread-The place of petition. Father give us this day our daily bread, thank you that You are Jehovah Jirah our provider. May we look to You for all things.
- 6) The Golden Candlestick-The place of ministry, where we lift up Your church and all the needs of the body of Christ.
- 7) The Altar of Incense-The place of intercession, we lift up those in need and our enemies.
- 8) The Holy of Holies-The place of worship, where we desire to spend time with You. Thank You that we have access to Your throne at any time, for any reason, and teach us to seek You first.