





Romans 1:21, 25

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him... they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.



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Romans 15:4

... whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.



Main Point

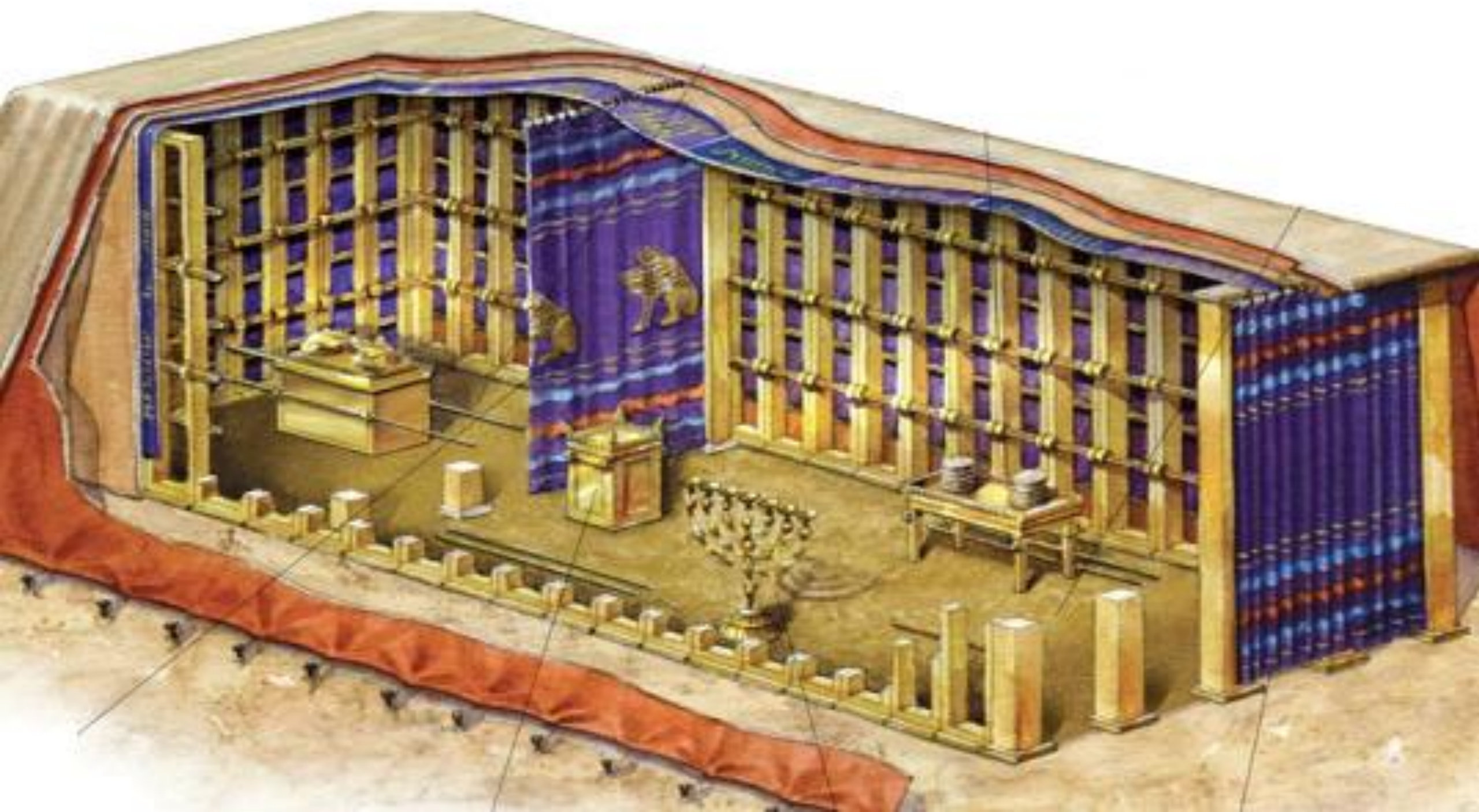
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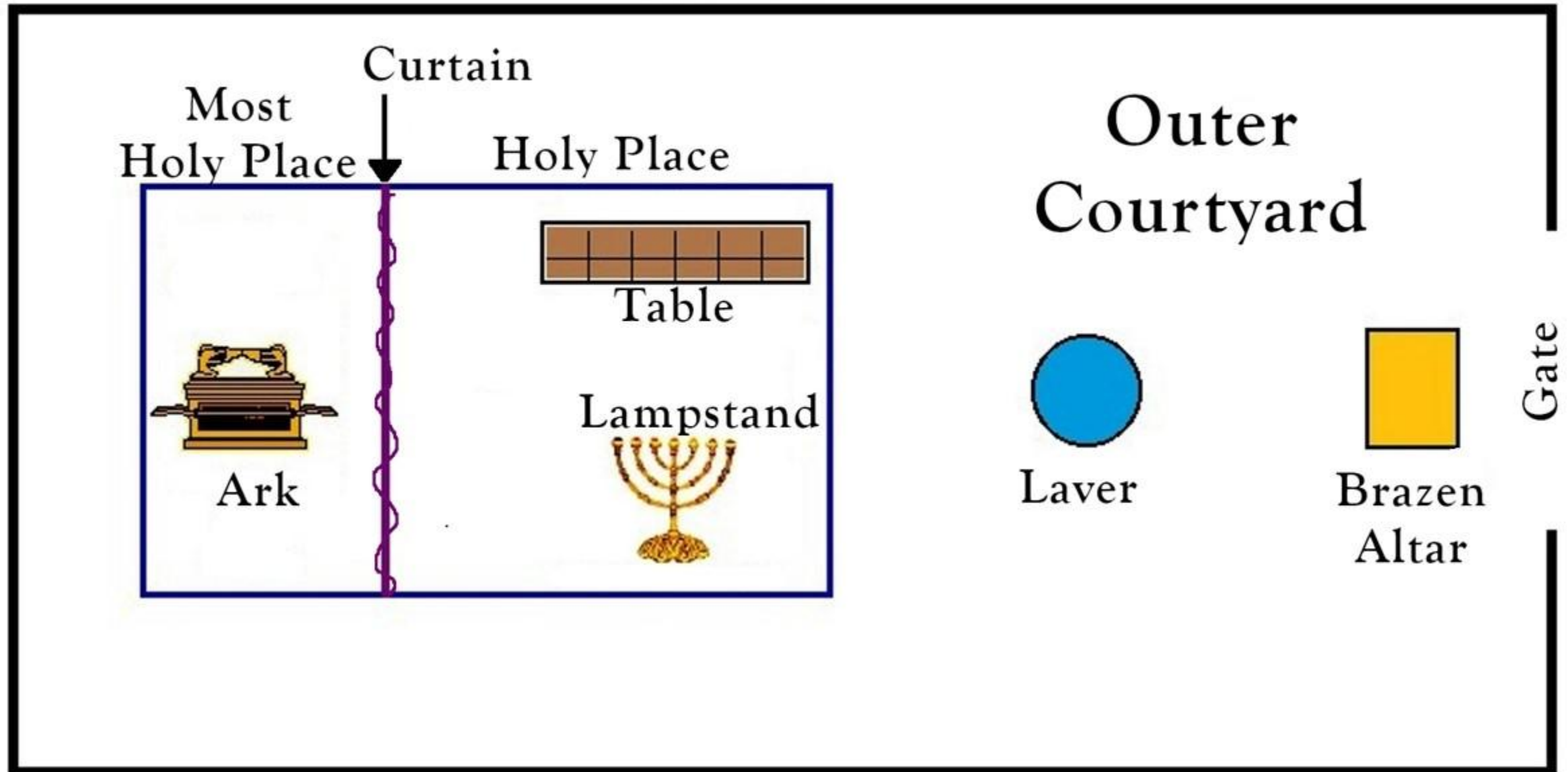
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Incense & Prayer

Let my ***prayer be counted as incense*** before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! (Psalm 141:2 ESV)

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[8] Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, [9] according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and **burn incense**. [10] And the whole multitude of the **people were praying** outside at the hour of incense. (Luke 1:8–10 ESV)

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[3] And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much **incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints** on the golden altar before the throne, [4] and the **smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints**, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

(Revelation 8:3–4 ESV)

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Luke 18:1-8

[1] *And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.* [2] He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. [3] And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ [4] For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man...

Luke 18:1-8

[5] yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.” [6] And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. [7] ***And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night?*** Will he delay long over them? [8] I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”



Key Principle #1

We worship properly when we offer regular prayers to God which act as a pleasing aroma of our dependence upon Him.

Exodus 30:11-16

[11] The LORD said to Moses, [12] “When you take the census of the people of Israel, then each shall give a ransom for his life to the LORD when you number them, that there be no plague among them when you number them...

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Ransom & Atonement

[18] knowing that ***you were ransomed*** from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, [19] but ***with the precious blood of Christ***, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. (1 Peter 1:18–19 ESV)

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Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? ***You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.*** So glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19–20 ESV)

Key Principle #2

We worship properly when we recognize that we belong to God and are only spared from certain destruction through an atoning sacrifice offered in our place.

Exodus 30:1-6

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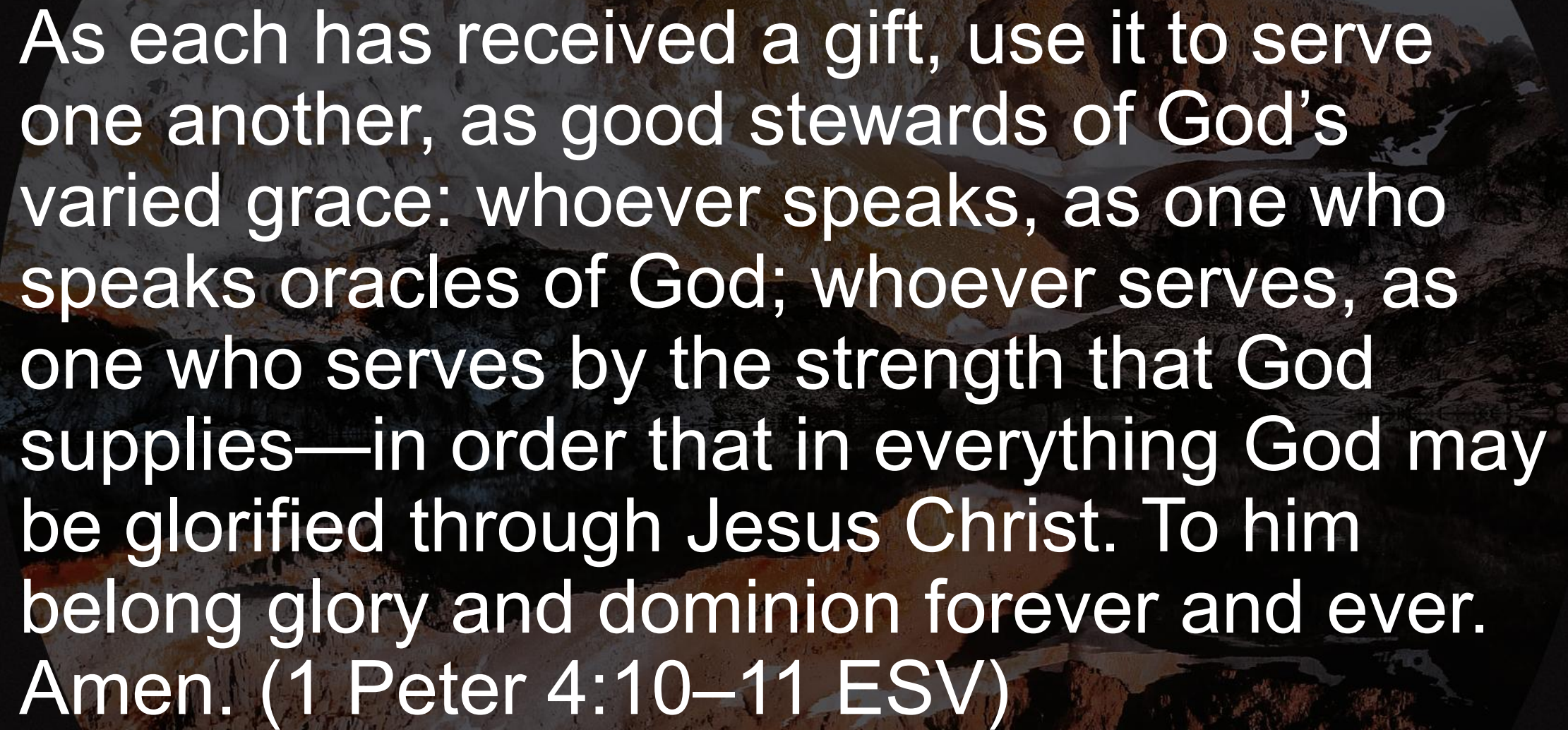
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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:10–11 ESV)



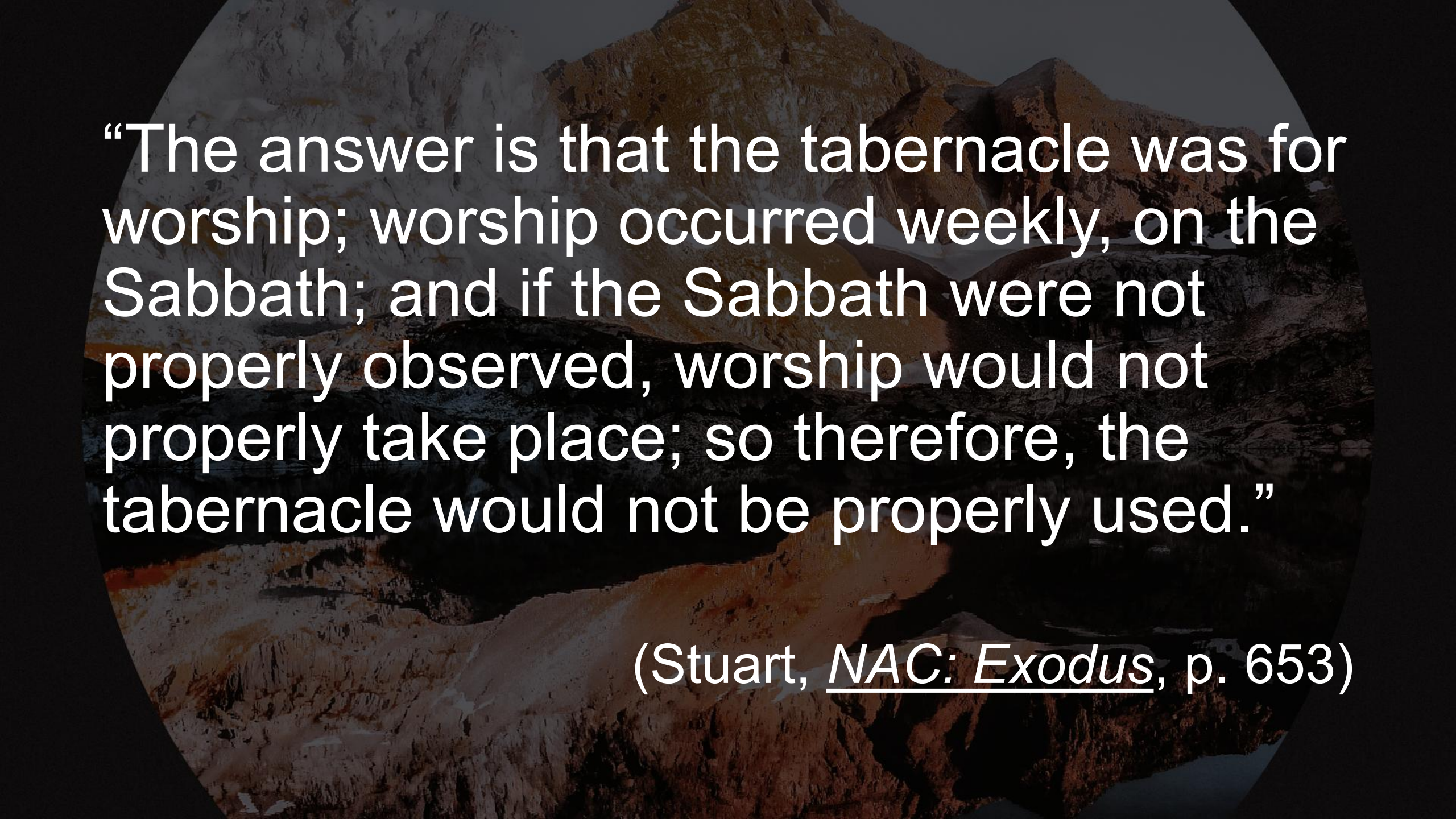
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“The answer is that the tabernacle was for worship; worship occurred weekly, on the Sabbath; and if the Sabbath were not properly observed, worship would not properly take place; so therefore, the tabernacle would not be properly used.”

(Stuart, *NAC: Exodus*, p. 653)

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Key Principle #4

We worship properly by practicing the rest we have in Jesus and trusting Him to do what we cannot do.



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