

DEEPER INTO WORSHIP...

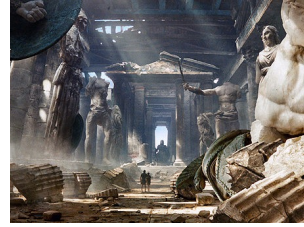
What can we learn about OLD TESTAMENT worship that can inspire our NEW TESTAMENT approach to worship.

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LEVITICUS 19:4

“Do not turn to idols or make metal gods for yourselves.
I AM the Lord your God.

2



The character and nature of the deities of a civilization will reflect the morals and values of the civilization that created it.

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The Ancient City of **EPHESUS**
(modern-day Turkey)



The Temple of **DIANA**

Also called Artemis by the Greeks, the “great” goddess worshipped among heathen nations under various modifications. Her most noted temple was that at Ephesus. It was built outside the city walls, and was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

She was considered the great mother image and gave fertility to humankind. In the Greek homeland she was usually portrayed by the statues as a young, attractive virgin, wearing a short tunic and having her hair pulled back on her head.

(Acts 19:23-41)

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EXODUS 25:8-9

8 “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. 9 Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

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GARMENTS OF O.T. WORSHIP

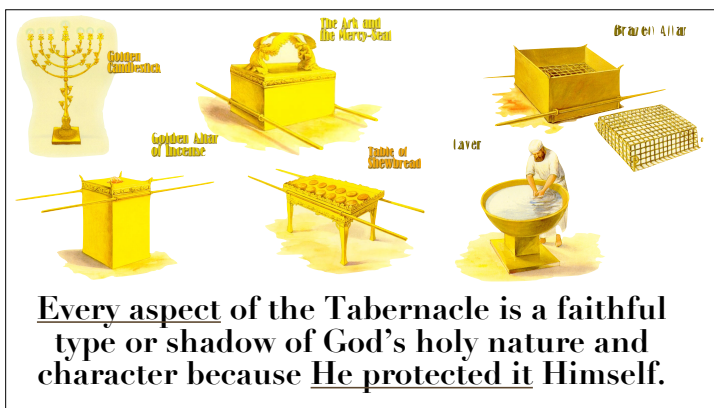
The Crown:
“Holiness to the LORD”

The Ephod:
The Breastplate
w/ 12 Precious Stones

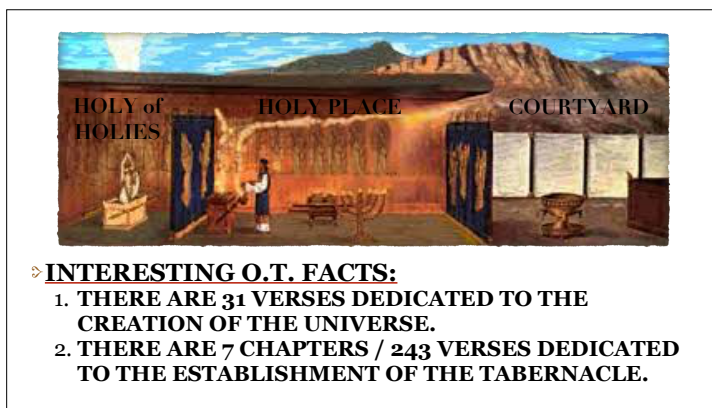
The Hem:
Bells Ringing = Alive!

These garments themselves possess a certain holiness; powerful enough to sanctify all those who merely come in contact with them, as we read in the prophets: "... so as not to hallow the people with their garments" (Ezekiel 44:19).

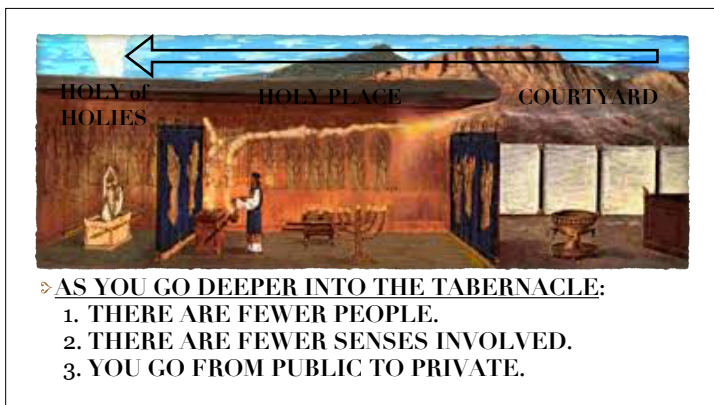
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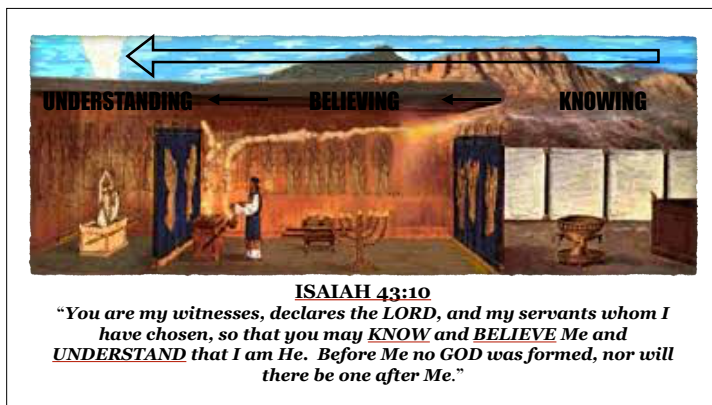
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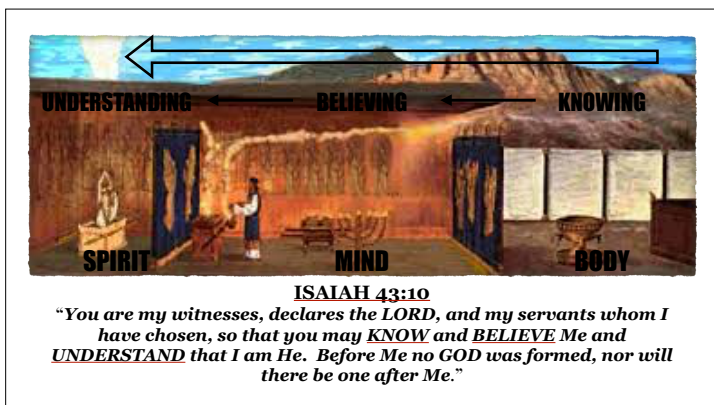
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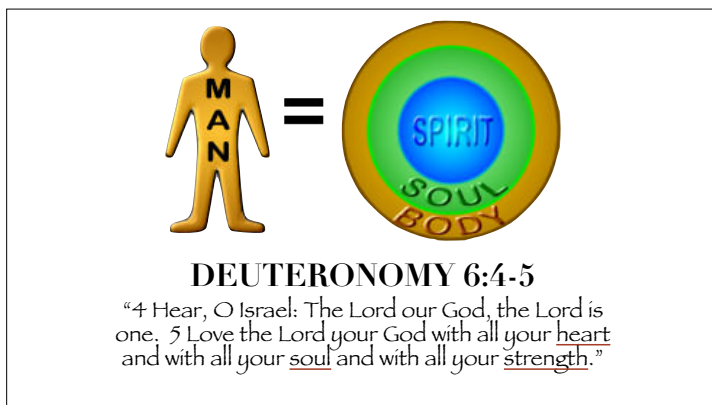
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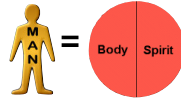
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the GREEK
philosophy



"trichotomous view"

the JEWISH
philosophy



"dichotomous view"

To the Jewish mind, you were either worshipping God WITH ALL that you are OR you weren't worshipping God AT ALL.

13



DAVENING
(shuckling)
to rock, shake,
swing or bow

Psalm 35
9 And *my soul* shall be joyful in the Lord; It shall rejoice in His salvation. 10 *All my bones* shall say, "Lord, who is like You,

MARK 12:30

8 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

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JOHN 4:20-24

20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

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2 Common Kinds of Worshipers:

Samaritan Worship	SPIRIT	TRUTH
Jewish Worship	SPIRIT	TRUTH

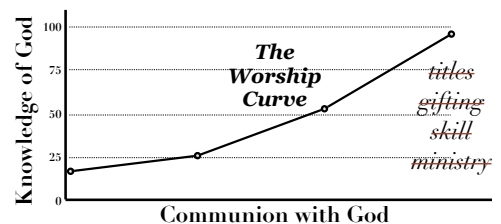
Spirit = Truth

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EPHESIANS 1:15-18

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,"

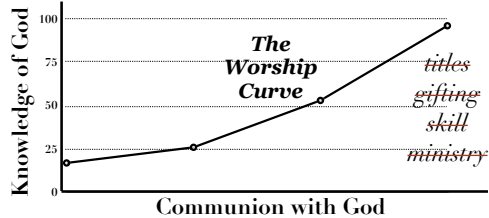
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the PROGRESSION of Worship

Your communion in intimacy grows with God in direct proportion to the knowledge of Him from the Scriptures, the natural response will be increase in depth of Worship!

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“revelation fuels adoration”

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LEVITICUS 10:1-2
“Aaron’s sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, contrary to His command. So fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord.”

20



“STRANGE FIRE”

To offer up to God an expression of worship that He did not prescribe.

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Are **YOU** offering **strange fire** before the **LORD**?

2 Samuel 24:24

“I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.”

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