

SWORD MINISTRIES (Ephesians 6:17)

EXODUS 24:18; 25:1-9 God gives unto Moses the revelation of the Tabernacle. We have continually looked at Jesus as being the ultimate fulfillment of all the materials, colors, and offerings; the authority for these things: **LUKE 24:27,44; JOHN 5:39,45,46**. We also are looking to apply the Tabernacle truths to our walk in Jesus: **ROMANS 15:4; 1 CORINTHIANS 10:11**.

THE OUTER COURT

EXODUS 27:9-19 surrounding the Tabernacle building itself was this large area known as *'the court of the tabernacle.'* The outer court had a high linen wall which laid the boundary for the Tabernacle, when one approached it, the linen wall would be the first thing to appear. The linen wall was to be:

- 5 cubits high (7 ½ feet)
- 100 cubits (L) x 50 cubits (W) (150 ft. x 75 ft.)
- The gate to enter was 20 cubits (W) (30 feet)

LEVITICUS 17 (vv1-9) the Tabernacle was the only place for a sacrifice to be made, God was very absolute in His instructions to Moses. It did not matter what tribe the person was from, nor if one was a Gentile living among the Jews; the sacrifice had to be brought to *'...the door [gate] of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the LORD...'*

NUMBERS 1:50,51; 3:38 anyone who dared to approach the Tabernacle in an improper way was to be put to death! The 7 ½ ft. linen curtains stood as a barrier between God and man. Man was kept out, but if he followed the curtains of the court he would eventually come to the gate, the true entrance.

PSALMS 65:1-4; 84:1-12; 96:1-9; 100:1-5 once inside the curtains of the outer court, one would find protection, shelter, and fellowship with the Lord. The cry of our hearts should be to *'Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name.'*

JOHN 10 (vv1-7) remember that if anyone tried to enter the Tabernacle courtyard by jumping the curtains, they were to be put to death. There was only one gate to enter lawfully through. *'Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door [gate] of the sheep.'* (vv8-11) as we go through the *'door'* of salvation, Jesus Himself, we will find peace, security, and the abundant life in Him.

EXODUS 27

(v9) *'And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side'* the fine linen speaks of righteousness, which today speaks of Jesus Christ, Who personally is our righteousness. God is a holy and righteous God, and

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anyone who dares to approach Him must understand these traits. He demands that only a holy people come near Him, but none of us have this righteousness in ourselves: **ISAIAH 64:6; PHILIPPIANS 3:9,10**.

The linen curtains were 100 cubits long per side, God's righteousness excludes men from entering, but He has made a way.

(vv10-16) the Tabernacle had 420 ft. of linen curtains that were 7 ½ ft. high; and a 30-ft. gate of linen wrought with *'blue, and purple, and scarlet.'* This gate was quite distinctive from the linen curtains, any person near the Tabernacle would immediately know where the entrance was. Jesus Christ is also very distinctive:

- He is the sinless Son of God
- He is God Himself
- He alone died for all sin
- He alone is the Door to Heaven

ISAIAH 43:10-12; ACTS 4:1-13 we must be completely convinced that unless we speak of Jesus, no one will get saved...He is the only entrance to Heaven!

(vv16,17) *'And for the gate of the court shall be an hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework: and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four. All the pillars round about the court shall be filleted with silver; their hooks shall be of silver, and their sockets of brass.'* There were 60 pillars all around the Tabernacle with connecting rods of silver and sockets of brass. All the colors, materials, and the number four all speak of Jesus. Four speaks of the creation, the world, and Jesus is the only Name given for all men to be saved, silver speaks of blood atonement, brass speaks of the judgment against sin. All things find fulfillment in Jesus.

(vv18,19) *'The length of the court shall be an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty everywhere, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass. All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, shall be of brass.'* The pins were probably much like tent stakes, the outer court was the place where all sacrifices were offered, the blood of the victim then taken into the Holy Place and sprinkled as God commanded; therefore, everything is overlaid with brass [bronze]. This all speaks to us that the judgment for our sin has taken place, Jesus has paid the entire price of our sin debt to God by His blood.

The Tabernacle had only one entrance, the Gate. Likewise, Noah's Ark had only one entrance, and once on board, God shut them in (**GENESIS 7:13-16**). When we come to God through Jesus, God also shuts us in eternally! **1 PETER 1:1-5; JUDE 1,2,20-25**