

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 6-12-22
Christianity 101 – Message 25 Part 2
Truths from the Tabernacle – Here I am To Worship

1. Introduction:

- a. Taking a look back: Are you ready to worship?
 - 1) What comes to mind when you hear the word, Tabernacle?
 - 2) Worship shows a relationship that respects God's holiness, majesty and worth.
 - 3) Altar – place of sacrifice, given, accountability, worship.
 - 4) The Tabernacle – a place where God could dwell in His holiness.
- b. What will we learn?
 - 1) Every item in the Tabernacle has something to say about Jesus.
 - 2) How sinful man can approach the HOLY God.
 - 3) We learn from watching the priest move toward the presence of God.
 - 4) Man must come to God, God's way.
 - 5) Psalm 100:1-5
- c. Taking a look ahead:
 - 1) We pick up back at the fence.

2. Approaching the Tabernacle:

- a. The Fence: Exodus 27:9-19 – **Johnnie Picture of Fence**
 - 1) The shape of a rectangle –
 - 2) Fence – something separates us from God. Isaiah 59:2
 - 3) Principle of the Fence – Man's sin has separated him from a Holy God.
- b. The Gate: **Johnnie picture of fence that shows the gate**
 - 1) The gate was 20 cubits – 30 feet. The gate is reason to worship.
 - 2) Principle of the Gate – Man can know God if he will come to God, God's way.
- c. There is a choice that each person makes at the gate.
 - 1) Obedience and surrender or your own way.
 - 2) Application – there is a choice today for believers.
 - a) How have you come to worship God today?

3. The Bronze (Brazen) Altar: Exodus 27:1-8. **Johnnie Picture of Brazen Altar**

- a. Something to see that you may have missed:
 - 1) The offerings of the Old Testament have meaning today because they are fulfilled in Jesus.
 - 2) Relationship and fellowship with a holy God, requires holiness in people.
 - 3) The Tabernacle and the sin offerings help us understand the awfulness of sin.
- b. The Bronze (Brazen) Altar: **Johnnie picture of brazen altar**
 - 1) "The altar of burnt offering" – Lev. 4:7,10, 18
 - 2) For believers the altar is full of symbolic meaning and spiritual teaching.
 - a) The wood – portrays the humanity of Christ.
 - b) The brass covering – speaks of the divine righteousness and judgment of Christ.
 - c) The four horns – speaks of power and Christ's commitment to His Father's will. They also point to the four corners of the world reminding of the saving power of the blood of Christ that will be witnessed throughout the world.
 - 3) Some perspective here – **Johnnie picture of Tabernacle**

4. The Bronze Altar – Expiation:

- a. Sin Offering: Leviticus 4:1-35
 - 1) Here what would happen –
 - a) When all that God had commanded was obeyed and completed, then the promise of forgiveness was fulfilled. Lev. 4:20, 26, 31, 35

- 2) Application – Somehow these people are being convicted by God for their sin.
- b. Trespass (Guilt) Offering: Leviticus 5:1-6, Leviticus 7
 - 1) This offering was offered for sins against holy things –
 - 2) Application – Having a right relationship with God is important but God says that it is also important that we be right with one another.
 - a) Your worship is meaningless for cannot worship the God who forgives with unforgiveness in your heart.
- c. This may seem unusually morbid.
 - 1) This idea of a blood sacrifice probably seems gruesome and morbid to us today, partly because it is our fleshly nature to desire a religion that requires not sacrifice.
 - a) Leviticus 17:11 –
 - b) Hebrews 9:22 –
 - c) I Corinthians 2:2 –
- 5. Today's Take Away:
 - a. How did you come today to worship?
 - b. Does it concern you if you came to worship with sin reigning in your life?