

THREE-PART SERMON SERIES

# PRIORITY ACCESS

PART TWO

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**PART ONE PRESENCE OF GOD**  
**CENTRALITY OF GOD**  
**HOLINESS OF GOD**



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## MEMORY VERSE

Then have them make a sanctuary for me,  
and I will dwell among them.

EXODUS 25:8 NIV





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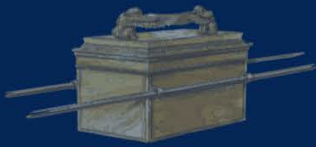
## INVOLVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE

“The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> “Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. <sup>3</sup> These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; ... <sup>8</sup> “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

EXODUS 25:1-8 NIV



## PART TWO: COURTYARD AND THE HOLY PLACE



Ark of the Covenant



Altar of Incense



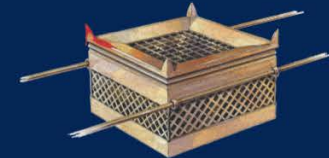
Table of Showbread



Lampstand



Laver



Altar

MOST  
HOLY PLACE

HOLY PLACE

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# THE COURTYARD AND THE HOLY PLACE

- Purpose of each item
- Points to the work of Jesus Christ – symbolism
- Principle of worship



Altar of  
Incense



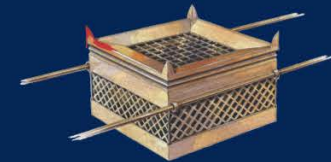
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# CONSECRATION

The Bronze Altar  
The Bronze Laver





# THE BRONZE ALTAR

EXODUS 27:1-8

- People offered sacrifices on this altar as worship LEVITICUS 1-7
- Only priests were authorized to perform the sacrifices



## THE BRONZE ALTAR

### EXODUS 27:1-8

#### Sacrifices such as:

- Burnt offering: complete consecration to God
- Guilt offering: make restitution for wrongdoing against God
- Sin offering: purification for unintentional sins
- Grain offering: thanksgiving for God's provision
- Peace offering: celebrate peace and communion with God



## SYMBOLISM

- By offering an animal in place of their own life, the worshipper acknowledges their sin and need for forgiveness
- It is payment for sin that moves them from separation to reconciliation



## SYMBOLISM

“...We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

HEBREWS 10:10



## SYMBOLISM

- Jesus is the Perfect Sacrifice - a sinless sacrifice (unblemished, without defect) on the cross
- His sacrifice brought forgiveness of all our sins and our reconciliation with God



## THE BRONZE LAVER

EXODUS 30:17-21

- The laver or wash basin was positioned just after the Bronze Altar and before the Holy Place
- Priests washed their hands and feet from the water in the laver before entering into the Holy Place



## SYMBOLISM

Cleansing is needed before service and ministry –  
it is an ongoing process of sanctification



## SYMBOLISM

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, **cleanse** our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

HEBREWS 9:14 NIV



## SYMBOLISM

Jesus cleanses us from  
all sin and defilement



## PRINCIPLE OF WORSHIP: CONSECRATION

**“I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves  
and be holy, because I am holy. ...”**

**LEVITICUS 11:44a**





## PRINCIPLE OF WORSHIP: CONSECRATION

- Admit and confess our sins to God 1 JOHN 1:8-9
- Acknowledge that only through Jesus  
- can our sins be forgiven HEBREWS 9:22
- Approach God with clean hands and  
pure heart PSALM 24:3-4





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# COMMUNION

The Golden Lampstand (Menorah)  
The Golden Table of Showbread  
The Golden Altar of Incense





# THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND

EXODUS 25:31-40

- Shaped like an almond tree with a total of seven branches
- On each branch was a bowl filled with olive oil, lit by the priests



# THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND

EXODUS 25:31-40

- Shaped like an almond tree with a total of seven branches
- On each branch was a bowl filled with olive oil, lit by the priests
- It is the only source of light within the Holy Place



## SYMBOLISM

- Symbolizes light provided by God as the source of truth and guidance
- Jesus is the “light of the world” JOHN 8:12
- As we follow Christ who is the “light”, we experience **communion** with Him and fellowship with one another 1 JOHN 1:5-7



## THE TABLE OF SHOWBREAD LEVITICUS 24:5-9

- Also known as the “Table of the Bread of Presence”
- The 12 loaves of bread represent the 12 tribes of Israel before the presence of God: the entire covenant community was presented before God



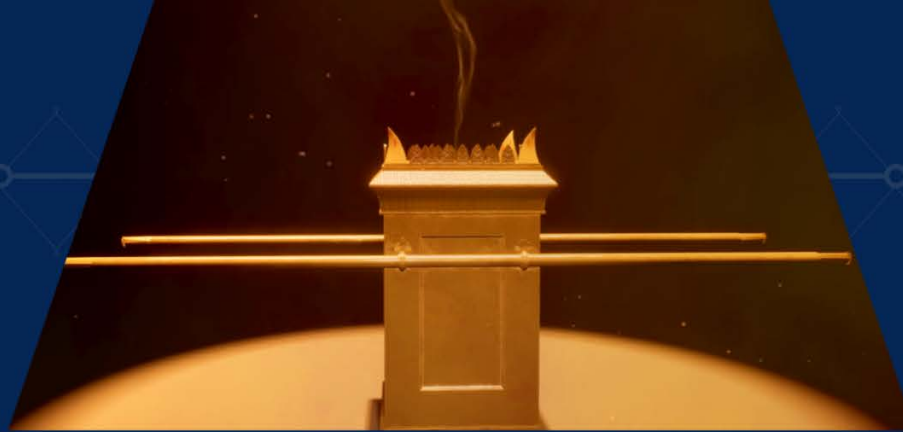
## SYMBOLISM

- Symbolizes God's fellowship with His people through a shared meal
- Spoke of God's sustenance of life
- Jesus is the "Bread of Life" JOHN 6
- Anticipates the Lord's Supper as a shared meal for fellowship  
– as His people, we commune with Him at the table



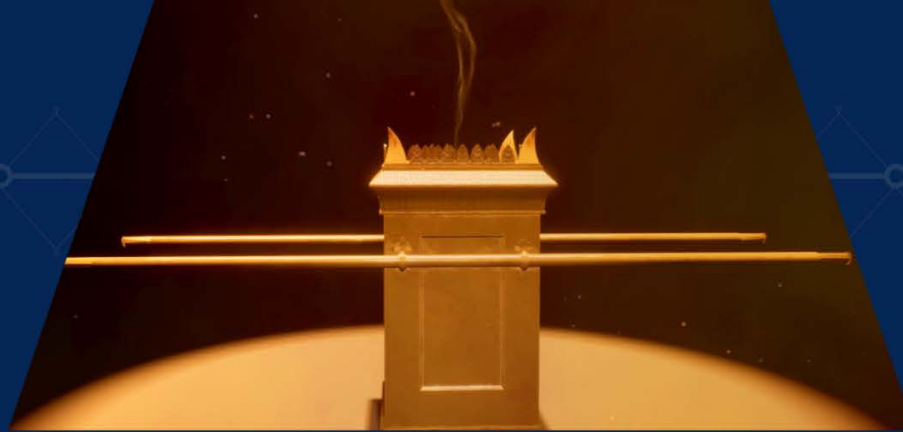
## THE GOLDEN ALTAR OF INCENSE EXODUS 30:34-38, 37:25-29

- Positioned right in front of the curtain shielding the entrance to the Most Holy Place
- Specifically for the offering of continual and regular incense



## SYMBOLISM

- The rising smoke of incense represents the prayers offered by the priests on behalf of the people
- Symbolizes Jesus' Permanent Priesthood



## SYMBOLISM

**“but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.<sup>25</sup> Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.”**

**HEBREWS 7:24-25 NIV**



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## PRINCIPLE OF WORSHIP: COMMUNION

- **Hunger for God's presence**
- **Draw near to fellowship with God**  
HEBREWS 10:22
- **Participate in Communion with reverence**  
1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-29





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## PRINCIPLE OF WORSHIP: COMMUNION

Offer prayer as an incense to the Lord –  
prayer of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving,  
Supplication (A.C.T.S.)



# THE CHURCH - WE ARE A DWELLING PLACE OF GOD

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you (*Greek: plural*) too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

EPHESIANS 2:21-22 NIV

