

THREE-PART SERMON SERIES

# PRIORITY ACCESS

PART TWO

# MEMORY VERSE

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

EXODUS 25:8 NIV



# 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



**MOST  
HOLY PLACE**

**HOLY PLACE**



**Ark of the  
Covenant**



**Altar of  
Incense**



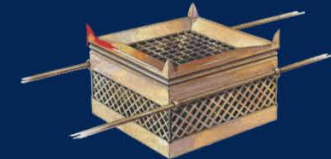
**Table of Showbread**



**Lampstand**



**Laver**



**Altar**

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# THE TABERNACLE

- Purpose of each item
- Points to the work of Jesus Christ
- Principles of worship



# CONSECRATION

The Bronze Altar  
The Bronze Laver





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# 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

- Acknowledgment of the worshipper's sin and need for forgiveness
- It is a payment of sin that reconciles them to God



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

HEBREWS 10:10



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**Jesus is the Perfect Sacrifice** that brought forgiveness and reconciliation



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## 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 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

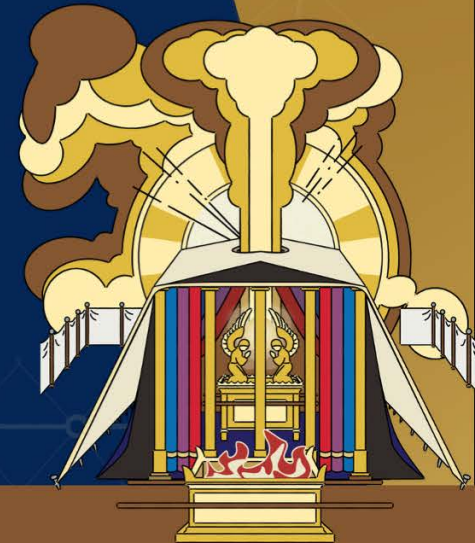
**Jesus cleanses us from all sin and defilement**



## 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 Jesus can forgive our sins HEBREWS 9:22
- Approach God with clean hands and pure heart PSALM 24:3-4





# COMMUNION

The Golden Lampstand (Menorah)  
The Table of Showbread (Bread of the Presence)  
The Golden Altar of Incense





## THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND

- 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



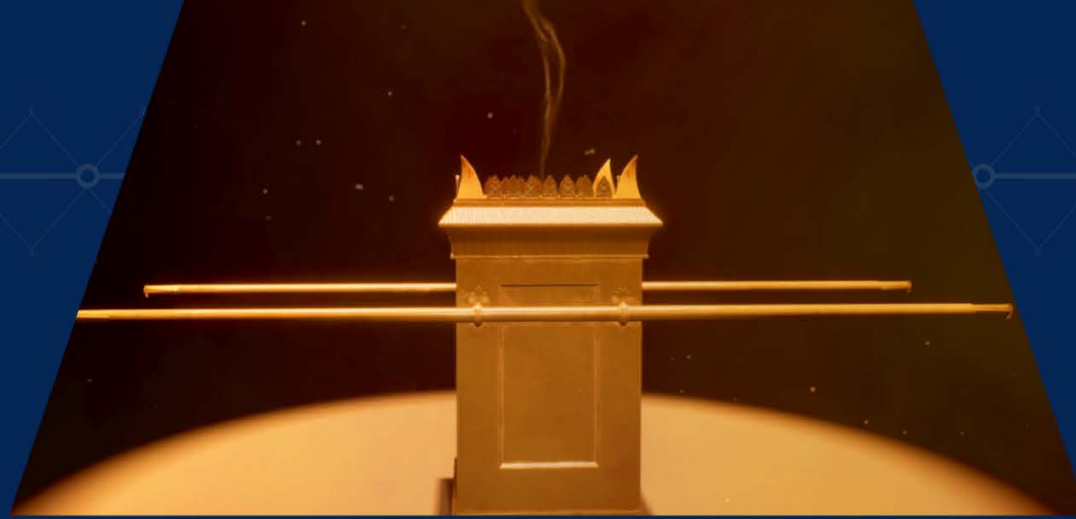
## THE TABLE OF SHOWBREAD

- 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



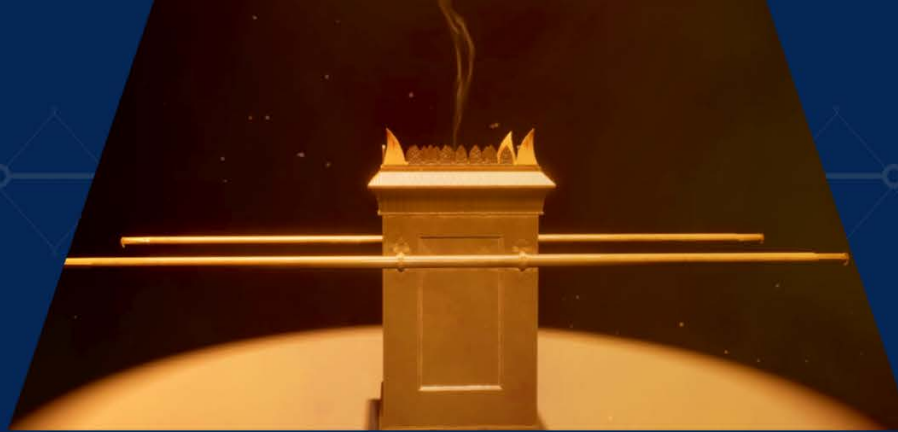
## THE GOLDEN ALTAR OF INCENSE

- 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



## 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





## 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

