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- After you have accepted Jesus’ sacrificial death on your behalf, you must continue to be cleansed from sin and strive for holiness.
- The brazen laver is where you cleanse yourself from the works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-20) by the blood of Jesus.
- The Bible tells believers to cleanse their hearts from guilt before approaching God. (Hebrews 10:22)

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Table of Showbread – Each Sabbath, twelve loaves of unleavened bread (showbread) covered with frankincense were placed on the golden table.
- The showbread provided sustenance for the priests. It was renewed regularly just as the Word of God should be renewed in our hearts.
- Jesus is the bread of life and His Word is also the bread from heaven. Eternal life can be found through His Word.

John 6:35 – “And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”

John 6:51 – “I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

Matthew 5:44 – “But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.”

Golden Altar of Incense – The altar where the priest offered the sweet smelling sacrifices, a type of drawing nigh unto God in prayer.
- The incense was offered daily, just as we are to pray daily and without ceasing.
- The fire for the altar of incense had to come from the altar of sacrifice. We must stop at the altar of repentance before attempting to approach God in prayer and worship.

Psalm 141:2 – “Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”

John 4:24 – “God is a Spirit: and they that worship must worship* him in spirit and in truth.”

*proskuneo (Greek): to kiss the hand; to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence.

Prayer at the Golden Altar of Incense
- Worship God in Spirit and in Truth.
- Get lost in the Spirit.
- Intercede with God on behalf of others first. Then pray for your own needs.
- Ask God to prepare your heart for even deeper communion with Him.

THE HOLY OF HOLIES – Only one man (the High Priest) was permitted to enter the Most Holy Place once a year on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur).
- The room called the Holy of Holies represents the Holy Ghost experience. It was the closest that man could get to God here on earth.
- The Veil that separated the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies represented the barrier between God and man that existed before the death of Jesus.
- When Jesus died on the cross, the veil was miraculously torn in two. This miracle made salvation available to “whosoever will.”
- The torn veil symbolizes the ability of every believer to approach God through the death of Jesus.

- The High Priest wore a simple, white linen robe. We, too, must lose our identity when we enter the Holy of Holies to worship and commune with God.

Prayer in the Holy of Holies
- Thank God for His death on the cross—and for “the new and living way He has prepared for us through the veil, that is to say, His flesh.” (Hebrews 10:22)
- Thank God that salvation is extended to all, and that anyone can enter into God’s presence and commune with Him.
- Thank God for the “better way” in the New Covenant.
- Thank God for His beautiful presence.

Inside the Holy of Holies was the Mercy Seat, which sat upon the Ark of the Covenant.

The Mercy Seat – On the lid of the Ark of the Covenant were two solid gold angels facing each other. The presence of God dwelled between the two angels.

Isaiah 37:16 – “O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.”

Hebrews 4:15-16 – “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Prayer at the Mercy Seat
- Humble yourself as you bask in the “shekinah glory” of the Lord.
- Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The Ark of the Covenant – A box of wood and gold representing the humanity and deity of Jesus. It contained the Stone Tablets, the Rod of Aaron, and a Pot of Manna.

Prayer at the Ark of the Covenant

Tables of Stone – God’s law and commandments written with the finger of God
- Pray the 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17)
  1-5: man’s obligation toward God
  6-10: our obligation toward our fellow man (Matt. 5:21-22; 27-28)

- Rod of Aaron – The rod represents authority.
- Pray with authority for the needs in your life, your family, and the church

- Pot of Manna – Heavenly food that was always fresh
- A reminder that our relationship with God is fresh every day (great is thy faithfulness)

Lamentation 3:21-24 – “This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”

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