

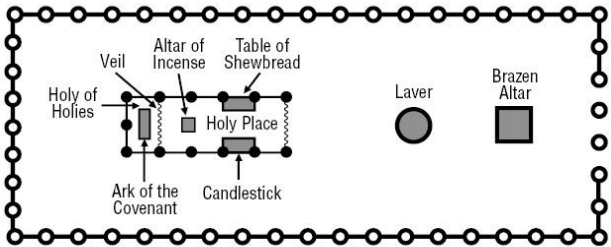
LESSON 8-2

THE TABERNACLE (Part 2)

Objective: To understand how the Tabernacle pictures the work of Christ

Key Verse: Hebrews 10:10

10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.



5. Altar of Incense

Read Exodus 30:1–8. Describe the Altar of Incense and its use.

1 “You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood.

2 A cubit shall be its length and a cubit its width—it shall be square—and two cubits shall

be its height. Its horns shall be of one piece with it.

3 And you shall overlay its top, its sides all around, and its horns with pure gold; and you shall make for it a molding of gold all around.

4 Two gold rings you shall make for it, under the molding on both its sides. You shall place them on its two sides, and they will be holders for the poles with which to bear it.

5 You shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold.

6 And you shall put it before the veil that is before the ark of the Testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the Testimony, where I will meet with you.

7 “Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it.

8 And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

The Altar of Incense is the reminder of our prayers, which are an incense to God. According to Revelation 8:3-4, what happens to our prayers?

3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

What kind of attitude should we have toward prayer (Psalm 141:2)?

2 Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Why do you think the Table of Shewbread, Candlestick, and Altar of Incense were placed inside the Holy Place?

6. Ark of the Covenant

The Holy of Holies was hidden by a veil. Inside we find the Ark, which was the dwelling place of God Himself. What

was placed inside the Ark (Hebrews 9:4)?

4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

What was on it (verse 5)?

5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

Who was the only person allowed to enter the Holy of Holies (verses 6-7)?

6 Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services.

7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance;

Why was the Ark separate from the other furnishings?

Why was it placed in the Holy of Holies?

CHRIST AS HIGH PRIEST

1. How was the Tabernacle set up and sanctified (Exodus 40)?

Read the Bible (or from a Bible app).

What significance did the cloud have?

2. What part did Aaron play?

3. What happened to the veil at Christ's death (Matthew 27:50-51)?

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

What did this signify?

4. Describe why Christ is the final High Priest (Hebrews 9:6–14).

6 Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services.

7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance;

8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.

9 It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience—

10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

5. Compare the old covenant with the new (Hebrews 9:15–23).

15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

16 For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

17 For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

18 Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood.

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

20 saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.”

21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

23 Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

6. Christ is both the sacrifice and the High Priest. Read Hebrews 9:24–28.

24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another—

26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Describe how this is so.

What is the hope this gives us?

LIFE APPLICATION

1. What has Christ done for us as recorded in Hebrews 10:10?

10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

2. How should we live accordingly (Hebrews 10:19–25)?

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

21 and having a High Priest over the house of God,

22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

3. What have you learned from the Tabernacle that will help you live your daily life?

4. We must remember to keep the proper spiritual sequence in our Christian lives as we live victoriously for

Christ. What has the Tabernacle taught you about this sequence?

How will you use this knowledge to live victoriously?