

"Praying the Tabernacle Pattern" (Exodus 25-30)

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Aim: To be able to pray through to intimacy and know with confidence that what I ask is in His Name.

Pattern: The ways, paths and patterns we enjoy as we walk by the Spirit of God, have already been set out in the Old Testament. The Tabernacle gives such a pattern for coming before God with our requests. (Abraham's path sets out the path of Salvation). God is unchanging in pattern.

Picture:

1. Brazen/bronze alter. Offerings made here for sin, trespasses.

Burnt offerings for personal weakness.

Jesus made these offerings for us on Calvary.

THEREFORE: Worship - Thankful for Jesus and all that has been done: forgiven, given robes of righteousness (it is as if I never sinned in life at all), reconciled to Father God because Jesus is the peace-offering, all infirmities, sickness, disease and sorrow have been paid for, curses broken, blessing of Abraham is mine including prosperity, conquered death.

2. Lavar/Wash basin. Washing clean the "daily dirt". We are saved by faith but everyday we need to wash our robes of righteousness.

THEREFORE: confess sin and be sanctified. Remove the pollution, decadence, way of the world so that I can be useful and totally faithful. Delivered from covetousness. Empower/enable to forgive and love, to walk in meekness and humility.

3. Golden Candlestick. Light giver - enlightener.

Is 11v2. The Holy Spirit brings understanding, enlightens the eyes of the heart.

THEREFORE: Worship the Holy Spirit as a person. He is my advocate, guide into all truth, the Spirit of revelation, wisdom, understanding, power, knowledge and

reverence. (Put's fear of God in my heart). He judges the heart not the outward appearance.

4. Shewbread. Symbol of the Word of God. The written word is good (logos) but can not have faith in this. The Holy Spirit must reveal the written word (rhema).

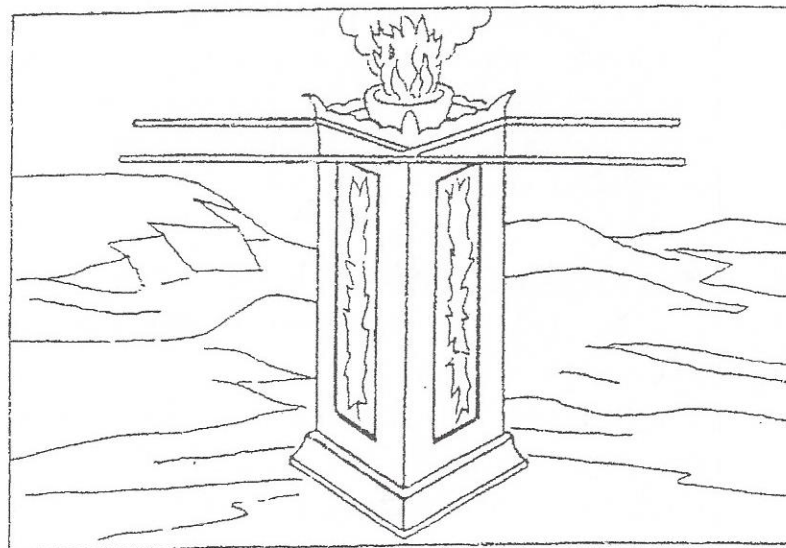
THEREFORE: Ask for revelation, Holy Spirit inspired insight of the Word of God.

5. Altar of Incense. Where man comes to give to God. Higher than all other furniture so is prayer more significant than anything else. The rising smoke of the incense is a picture of the praises of the saints going heavenward to our Father. In this cloud we are transported supernaturally through the last barrier into His presence with confidence. Incense is also a fumigator.

THEREFORE: Praise God with the mind and in the Spirit. Pray in tongues. Lift hands and head. Let your praises, delight in God, love of the Father be heard.

6. Table of Mercy/Mercy Seat. In the holy of holies is in the presence of God.

THEREFORE: Humbly and boldly ask all that I need. Spread all my needs out plainly before Father. I may use a list, a prayer diary, a file of cuttings, photos and notes.
THEN BEGIN AGAIN.



Incense Altar