

LESSONS FROM THE SANCTUARY



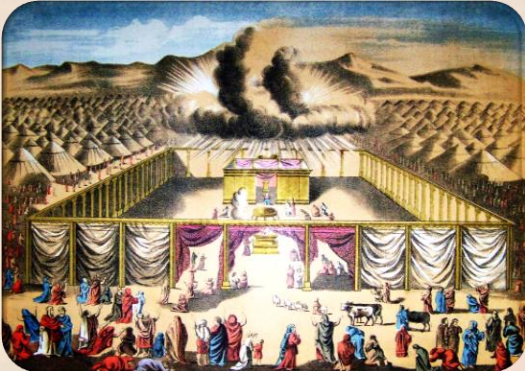
This week we are studying several lessons from the Sanctuary.

- 1. Lessons from its furniture.**
- 2. Lessons from its geographical location.**
- 3. Lessons from the activity in it.**
- 4. Other lessons from the Sanctuary.**
 - Holiness.**
 - David's desire.**
 - Asaph's astonishment.**



LESSONS FROM THE FURNITURE IN THE SANCTUARY

THE OUTER COURTYARD



Come into His presence (courts) with thanksgiving (Ps. 100:4)

Experience repentance, confession, and forgiveness at the altar of sacrifice, which represents the Cross (Heb. 13:10–13, Lv. 4)

Find cleansing from sin and daily renewal at the laver (Ti. 3:5)

LESSONS FROM THE FURNITURE IN THE SANCTUARY

THE HOLY PLACE



**Find daily
spiritual
nourishment
from God's Word
at the table of
showbread (Jn.
6:48, 63; Dt. 8:3)**

**Receive the
power of the
Holy Spirit at the
lampstand
(Rev. 4:5)**

**Offer prayers of
intercession at
the altar of
incense
(Rev. 8:4)**

LESSONS FROM THE FURNITURE IN THE SANCTUARY

THE MOST HOLY PLACE



Find deep cleansing at the throne of God, represented by the ark (Lv. 16:30)

LESSONS FROM THE LOCATION OF THE SANCTUARY

ASHER

DAN

NAPHTALI

MANASSEH

God dwelt in the center of His people; He was surrounded by priests and Levites.

ISSACHAR

EPHRAIM

IS GOD THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE?

JUDAH

BENJAMIN

Every Israelite could see the Tabernacle when leaving his/her tent. It was 4.5 m (14 ft.) tall and they knew God dwelt there.

ZEBULUN

SIMEON

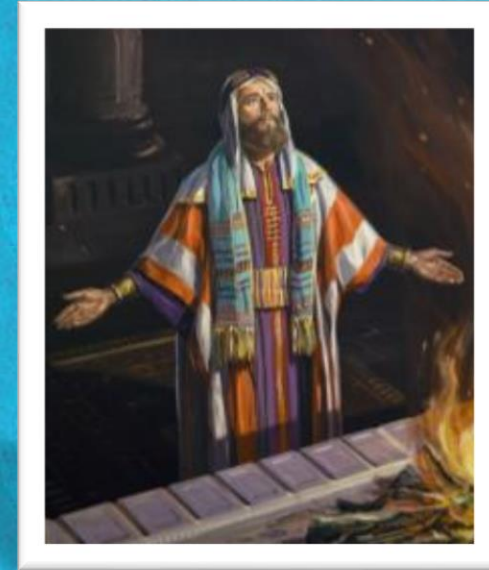
REUBEN

GAD

LESSONS FROM THE ACTIVITY IN THE SANCTUARY

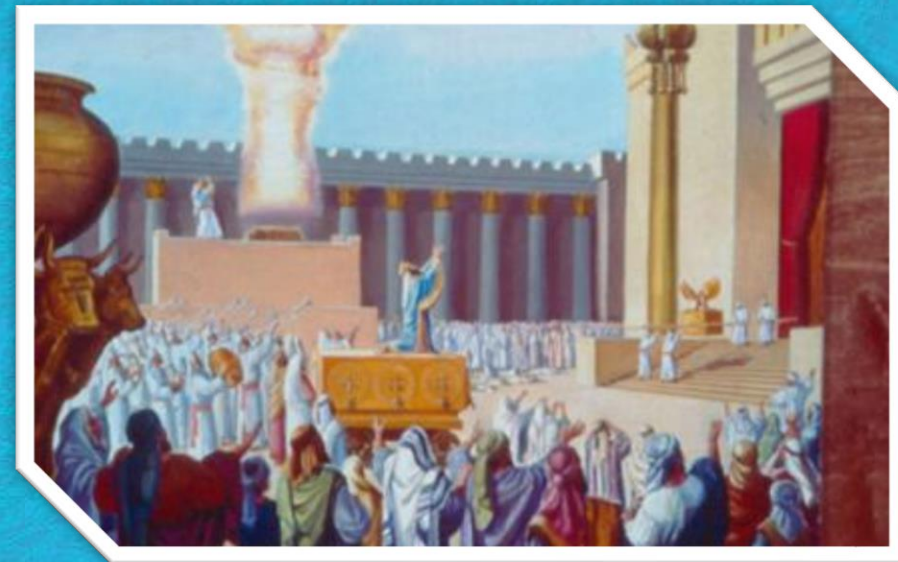
When Solomon dedicated the Temple, he suggested seven situations when a person or the people could come before God in the Temple:

- 👉 To find forgiveness (verse 30)
- 👉 To make a pact (verses 31, 32)
- 👉 To implore when they were beaten (verses 33, 34)
- 👉 To ask for rain during a drought (verses 35, 36)
- 👉 To ask for a solution during other disasters (verses 37-40)
- 👉 To pray for the foreigners (verses 41-43)
- 👉 To ask for victory (verses 44, 45)



The Sanctuary/Temple was the center of the community life in the people of Israel.

The Israelites spoke with God in the Sanctuary through prayer. God spoke to the people there too.



LESSONS FROM THE ACTIVITY IN THE SANCTUARY

“Like the patriarchs of old, those who profess to love God should erect an altar to the Lord wherever they pitch their tent. If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now. Fathers and mothers should often lift up their hearts to God in humble supplication for themselves and their children. Let the father, as priest of the household, lay upon the altar of God the morning and evening sacrifice, while the wife and children unite in prayer and praise. In such a household Jesus will love to tarry”

HOLINESS

Everything in the Sanctuary was related to holiness. The next were holy:

- The Sanctuary (Lv. 16:33)
- The Holy and Most Holy Place (Ex. 26:33)
- The Ark (2Chr. 35:3)
- The oil and the incense (Ex. 30:32, 35)
- The sacrifices (Ex. 29:34)
- The priests and their garments (Lv. 21:7; 16:4)
- The crown of the High Priest (Ex. 39:30)



HOLINESS



The people worshipping in the Sanctuary was also holy (Lv. 20:26)

“Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy” (Leviticus 19:2)

God wants us to grow in holiness when we come closer to Him. This growth takes place only if we surrender our whole sinful nature to Him. We must be willing to do right no matter the consequences.

DAVID'S DESIRE (PSALM 27)

"My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord" (Psalm 84:2 fp)



"One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple"

(Psalm 27:4)

What does "the beauty of the Lord" that David longed to behold mean?

From the Sanctuary we learn that God is a great lover of that which is beautiful (Ex. 28:2)

God's ways of salvation, typified in the sanctuary (Ps. 77:13), are stunningly beautiful (Ps. 149:4)

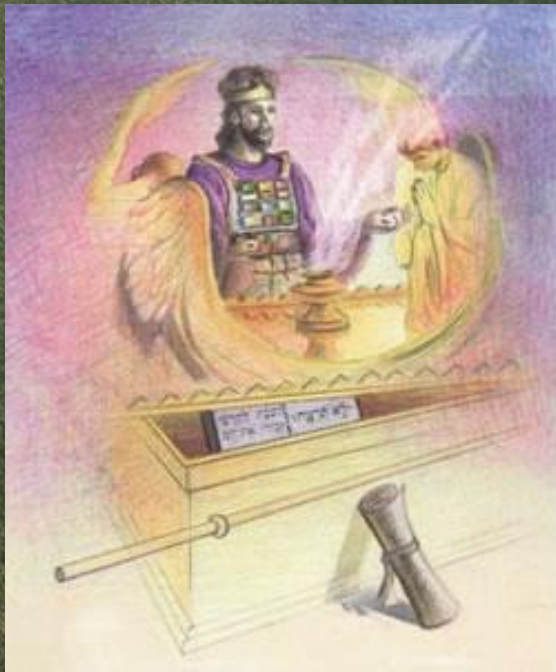
God's character as revealed in the sanctuary is beautiful (Ps. 96:9)

He longs to give us that same beautiful character (1Pet. 1:16)

ASAPH'S ASTONISHMENT (PSALM 73)

"But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled;
my steps had nearly slipped.
For I was envious of the boastful,
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked...
When I thought how to understand this,
it was too painful for me—
Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I understood their end"

Psalm 73:2-3, 16-17



What did Asaph see in
the Sanctuary that
dispelled his doubts
on the prosperity
of the wicked?



“The world has become bold in transgression of God’s law. Because of His long forbearance, men have trampled upon His authority. They have strengthened one another in oppression and cruelty toward His heritage, saying, “How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the Most High?” Psalm 73:11. But there is a line beyond which they cannot pass. The time is near when they will have reached the prescribed limit. Even now they have almost exceeded the bounds of the long-suffering of God, the limits of His grace, the limits of His mercy. The Lord will interpose to vindicate His own honor, to deliver His people, and to repress the swellings of unrighteousness”