

Bethel House of God

The Feast of Tabernacle

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Seven Steps to Worshipping God in the Tabernacle

1 Enter the Tabernacle Court (Exodus 27:9-19; 40;34-38)

What it Meant Then

The Tabernacle was God's dwelling place

The curtains stood for the barrier from a magnificent and holy God

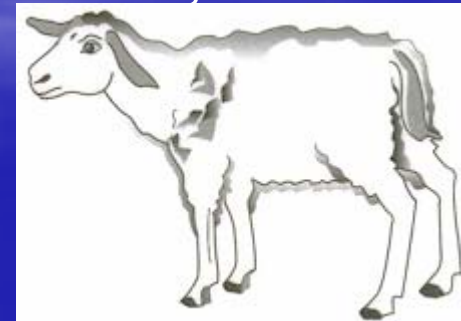
God could only be approached with repentance and sacrifice

What it Means Today

God with Us: Ezekiel 37:26-28; John 1:14; Revelation 21:3

God's Majesty: Psalm 29; Psalm 104; Isaiah 66:1

Sin and Repentance: Psalm 51: 1, 2; Romans 1: 18-20; Romans 3:23; Luke 18:9-14



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2 Sacrifice at the Bronze altar (Exodus 27:1-8; Leviticus 1:1-4)

What it Meant Then

A proper sacrifice was offering what was valuable and perfect, not small or flawed

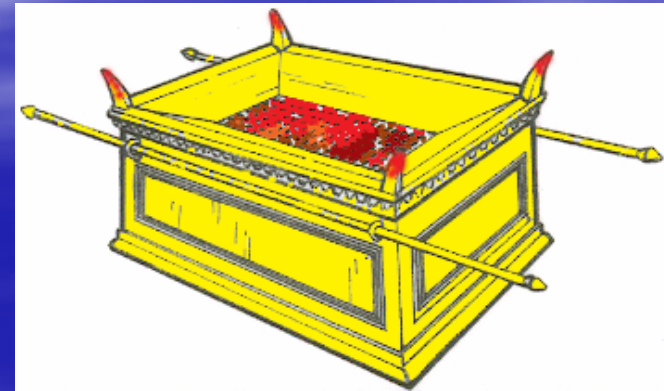
Sin was serious. Only shed blood, which stands for life, could pay for sin

By laying your hand on it, you identified with the animal sacrifice

What it Means Today

Sin's Penalty: Romans 6:23;
Hebrews 9:22

Christ's Sacrifice: Isaiah 53:
4-7; John 1:29; Romans 3:22-
25; Hebrews 9:13; 1 Peter 1:
18, 19; Revelation 5: 6-13



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3 Submit to the Priest (Exodus 28: 1-5, 40; Lev. 1:5-9; 17:11)

What it Meant Then

You could not approach
God by yourself but only
through His chosen
mediator

Blood paid the penalty for
sin

Heartfelt sacrifice was
pleasing to God

What it Means Today

Christ a Mediator: 1 Timothy 2:5;
Hebrews 12: 22-24

Christ's Blood: Romans 5:8, 9;
Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:19-
22; 1 Peter 1:1, 2

Pleasing God: Psalm 51:16, 17;
Ephesians 5:2



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4 Wash at the Bronze Basin (Exodus 30:17-21; 38:8)

What it Meant Then

Washing hands and feet
stood for sanctification or
becoming holy and pure

Serving God requires not
just cleansing from sin,
but striving for holiness

What it Means Today

Our Priestly Service: 1 Peter 2:5;
Revelation 1: 4-6

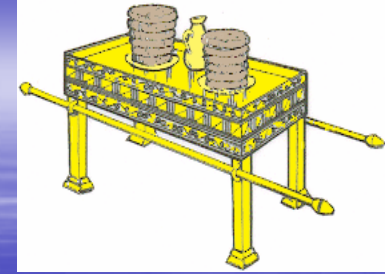
Holiness: John 13: 6-9; James
4:7, 8

Washing Through God's Word:
John 15:3; John 17:17;
Ephesians 5:26



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5 Pray in the Holy Place (Exodus 25: 23-26, 37; 30:1-10)



What it Meant Then

The lights stood for
God's presence

The bread, given weekly,
showed thankfulness for
His provision and the joy
of fellowship at the table
with Him

The incense stood for
constant prayer

What it Means Today

Christ's light: John 1: 1:-9; Rev. 21:22, 23

Believers' Light: Matthew 5:14-16;
Philippians 2:14, 15; Revelation 1: 10-19

Christ as Bread: John 6:35; Luke 22:19

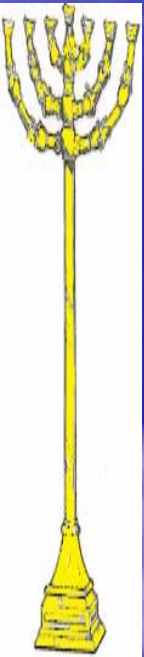
Thanksgiving: 1 Th. 5:18; 1 Co. 16:2

Feast with God: Matthew 22: 1-10; 1

Corinthians 11:23-26

Interceding in Prayer: Roman 8:26;

Ephesians 6:18; 1 Th. 5:17; 1 Timothy 2:1



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6 Tremble in the Most Holy Place (Exodus 25:10-22, Hebrews 9:4)

What it Meant Then

Sin separated us from God

God was not represented by any statue or idol, for He is a spirit

The Ark's contents showed His desire to teach, provide, and dwell among us

He offered mercy so sinful people could approach Him - to angel's amazement

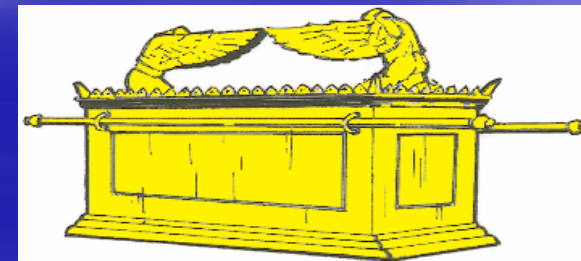
What it Means Today

Curtain's Meanings: Genesis 3: 24; Matthew 27:50, 51; Hebrews 10:19, 20

God as Spirit: Isaiah 66:1, John 4:24

God's Teaching and Providing: Galatians 3:24, 25; John 1:17; Acts 17:24-27

God's Throne and Mercy Seat: Psalm 80:1, Hebrews 4:16; 1 Peter 1:10-12



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7 As High Priest, Plead for the People (Exodus 28; Leviticus 16)

What it Meant Then

A single mediator came before God to plead for the entire nation.

Despite all the other sacrifices more was needed to atone for all –pervasive sin

Guilt could be atoned for and sent away

What it Means Today

Jesus as High Priest: Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 9:11-15; Hebrews 9:24-28; Hebrews 13: 11-13

Jesus Pleading for Us: Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:23-25



Sacrifices in the Tabernacle

Sin Offering and Guilt Offering (Leviticus 4-6; Numbers 15:1-12)



Sacrifice

Sin offerings and guilt offerings focused on paying for sin.

Sin Offerings – against God

Guilt Offerings – against others

Various animals sacrificed depended on your position and income

Blood sprinkled on altar, animals parts burnt with wine and were used as meat for the altar workers

Meaning Today

Christ's Offering: Isaiah 53:10; Matthew 20:28; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Paying for Damages: 5:23, 24; Luke 19:1-10

Poor: Luke 2:2-24; 21:1-4

Leaders as Examples: 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 5-19, 20

Providing for Christian Workers: Phil. 4:18; 1 Corinthians 9:13, 14; 1 Timothy 5:17, 18

Sacrifices in the Tabernacle

Burnt Offering (Leviticus 1)

Sacrifice

Sacrifice represented complete dedication and Surrender to God

Unblemished male animal bears sins of worshippers and dies in his/her place

Blood sprinkled on altar, animal burnt completely

None roasted for eating

Meaning Today

Surrender: Psalm 51-16, 17; Matthew 26:39; Romans 12:1

Dedication: Philippians 2:17; 2 Timothy 4:6,7



Sacrifices in the Tabernacle

Grain (Meal) Offering (Leviticus 2)

Sacrifice

Offering given to God in thankfulness

Flour, unleavened cakes or roasted grains brought to the priests

Priests burned symbolic handful at altar

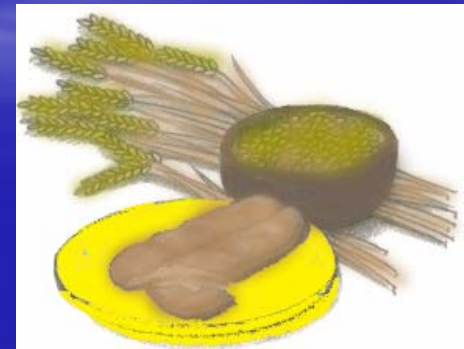
Little ceremony involved

Meaning Today

Giving: Matthew 26:6-10;
2 Corinthians 9:7-11

Praise: Psalm 100; Hebrews
13:15, 16

Thankfulness: Psalm 147;
Philippians 4:6



Sacrifices in the Tabernacle

Fellowship (Peace) Offering (Leviticus 2; 7:11-21)

Sacrifice

Offering Symbolized fellowship and peace with God through shed blood.

Meat was ceremoniously waved and given to priest.

Worshippers and guests could share in feast as a meal with God

Meaning Today

God's Peace: Colossians 1:20

Acts 10:36

God's Feast: Luke 14:15-24; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26; Jude 1:12; Revelation 3:20

