

CAYA SERIES: “WORSHIP: A LIFESTYLE EXPERIENCE”

WEEK 2, LESSON 1 - “THE TABERNACLE: WORSHIP IN THE OLD TESTAMENT”

LEARNING OUTCOMES (OBJECTIVES):

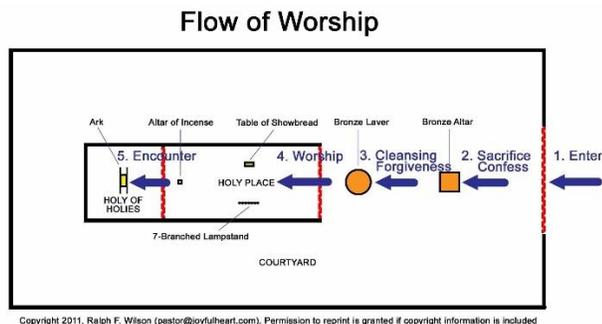
The student will be able to. . .

- Predict how knowing the purpose of the tabernacle would influence your act of worship
- Evaluate the response of sacrifice as being worship
- Point out the significance of the laver being the Word of God
- Describe the value of the ministry of face time
- Formulate the idea of Jesus’ life as fulfilling the role of the ark of the covenant

INTRODUCTION YOUTUBE VIDEO:

“What is Worship?” (1:17); Doctrine Video Bible Study with Francis Chan; Right Now Media 9/10/2013

“Tabernacle Tour” (6:53); Paulo Santos 5/25/2014



OUTLINE NOTES CONDENSED

I. INTRODUCTION TO THE TABERNACLE

The Temple was founded in 966 BC. It was part of seven years in building, and when complete the ark was moved into the Temple (**1 Kings 8**).

The time occupied in the construction of the tabernacle was about seven months. It was (11) eleven months and (15) fifteen days from the exodus to the setting up of the tabernacle

Different Variations on its Name – Terms Used to Describe it

- the tabernacle of testimony
- the tent of the testimony
- the tabernacle of witness
- the tent of the congregation
- the sanctuary
- and the tabernacle of the congregation
- Colors & Metals of the Tabernacle
 - White** pictures Christ's righteousness, purity, light
 - Blue** represents faithfulness; heavenly nature
 - Scarlet** pictures the ransom sacrifice of Jesus
 - Purple** pictures royalty; speaks of Christ's kingly power and dignity
 - Gold** pictures the divine nature which God possesses; deity
 - Silver** pictures truth; redemption
 - Brass** speaks of the judgment of God

II. PURPOSE OF THE TABERNACLE

1. Exodus 25:8

2. Sacrificial System: means God made it possible for a sinful people to draw near to Him, to receive His grace and blessing, without desecrating His holiness and so incurring His wrath against them.

3. Three Reasons Why Necessary: define Israel's obedience to God, to unify them as a nation, and to bring organization to their daily life"

4. Hebrews 8:5

5. Illustrated Sermon on Three Subjects: Who God is (what's He like); How we access Him and; How we worship Him

III. THE PLAN AND ARRANGEMENT

Arranged in the form of a cross; it is God's revelation of the process that leads us deeper into His presence; about how to approach and honor God through worship; they are the sounds, the smells, and the feel of sin and sacrifice

1. The Court: The focus was on sacrifice, judgment and cleansing

A. Entering In: (Psalm 100:4) an attitude of gratitude

B. The Altar of Burnt Sacrifices/The Brazen Altar (Exodus 27:1-8)

- i. Three Things About God: God was always ready to accept their offering for sins, that He was always ready and anxious to forgive, and that He would never turn away a repentant sinner

- ii. Our Responses to the Altar: *full submission to the lordship of Christ which leads us to obedience to His truth*

C. The Brazen Laver (Exodus 30:18-21; 38:8)

- i. Two Things it Reveals: *the truth about ourselves and what God really looks like; 2 Corinthians 3:18*
- ii. Represents the Word of God: *It is only by a continual study of the Word that we can keep clean hands before the Lord and walk in a way that pleases Him. Psalms 24:3-4; Psalms 119:105*

2. The Holy Place

A. The Table of Shewbread/The Bread of the Presence (Exodus 25:23-29)

- i. Intimacy: *The Hebrew words behind it are **lechem**, which simply means “bread”, and **paniym**, which means “face.” Showbread is literally translated “bread of face.” – the table is where God institutes the **ministry of face time**; it is, expressing your love for Him by maintaining a deep, personal relationship with Him*
- ii. Communion: *The word commune means to share an experience together. It is ongoing, a way of living; it is literally fellowshiping with Jesus through the sharing of His sufferings*

B. The Candlestick/The Golden Lampstand (Exodus 25:31-37)

C. The Altar of Incense/The Golden Altar (Exodus 30:1-9, 34-38)

- i. **Hebrews 7:25**
- ii. **Romans 8:34**
- iii. **Psalms 141:2**

3. The Most Holy Place

A. The Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:10-22)

- i. Three Aspects of Jesus’ Life and Person: **Rod**: *resurrection power*; **manna**: *God’s provision through Christ, the Bread of Life who was provided for the salvation of the world*; **ten commandments**: *character and requirements of God’s holiness*
- ii. **Romans 3:25**

B. Hebrew “kabowd” for glory means the heaviness of God’s splendor

IV. SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

1. Ministry of Christ: *The Showbread (Christ the bread of Life), the Lampstand (Christ the light of the world) and the Altar of Incense (Christ our intercessor). It was made from gold, silver and wood representing the deity, redemption and the humanity of Christ. It pictures Jesus as the ‘truth’ and in terms of salvation it represents our need of sanctification as we walk in this life with Christ as our life and bread.*
2. **Hebrews 10:20**
3. **Colossians 2:17**
4. **John 1:14**

INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY

Communion Bread

When we partake of and worship from a place of communion, an exchange takes place. What does God take from us, and what does He give us in return?

HANDOUTS:

"Three Parts of the Tabernacle"

"Tabernacle Study Scripture Listing"

[Small Group Activity]

BREAKOUT QUESTIONS

1. What insight/revelation/understanding did you receive from reading and meditating on Psalm 100? Did a particular verse stand out to you? What version did you memorize the verse from?
2. What are your reactions to the videos?
3. From the information given, can you illustrate how knowing the purpose of the Tabernacle will change how you worship God.
4. Defend your position of submission and obedience being a proper sacrifice to God.
5. What was the underlying theme of the laver in worship?
6. Provide a definition of intimacy in worship.
7. Imagine talking to someone that doesn't understand Jesus' relationship to the Ark of the Covenant. What major points would you identify?

[Follow-up Home Assignment]

DIRECTIONS:

Think about it: Why was the altar of sacrifice situated right in front of the gate in God's sanctuary? What does this say about the place of the cross in worship?

MEMORY VERSE – HEBREWS 13:15

Write out the verse on the index card in any version. Write on the back of the card, any revelation or insight God gives you as you meditate on this verse for the week.

HANDOUT (OPTIONAL ACTIVITY):

"Tabernacle Word Search"
"Tabernacle Crossword"