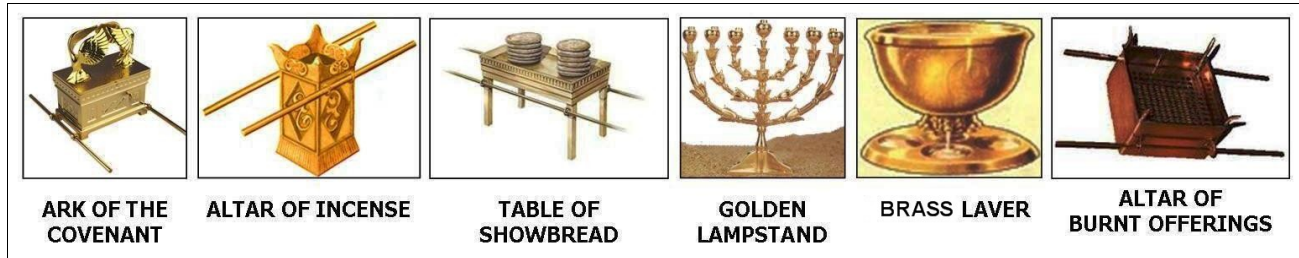


The Tabernacle Furniture



- 1. The Ark of the Covenant (HEARING – EXODUS 25:22)**
 - a. Exodus 25:10-16 & Hebrews 9:4 (Mercy Seat – Exodus 25:17-22 & Hebrews 9:5)
 - b. 2.5 cubits long x 1.5 cubits wide x 1.5 cubits high (45” x 27” x 27”)
 - c. Made of Shittim (Acacia) wood & overlaid with Gold. (Mercy Seat made of pure gold).
 - d. 4 Rings were placed in each foot for staves (poles) that would be used for transporting.
 - e. This was considered God's Throne Upon the Earth. God is said to have dwelt between the cherubim (2 Samuel 6:2 & Psalm 99:1)
 - f. The Ark Contained: The 2 Tables of Stone (2nd Set) upon which the 10 Commandments were written; Aaron's Rod that Budded; The Golden Pot of Manna. (Hebrews 9:4)
 - g. By the time of the Babylonian Conquest (586 BC) the Ark has disappeared. Despite many rumors of the Ark being hidden in Jerusalem, Eithopia or even Oak Island (in Canada), the True place where the Ark of the Covenant is today is found in Revelation 11:19. It thus became the first “man-made” object to be moved in Space (take that Commies & Sputnik)!
- 2. The Altar of Incense (SMELL)**
 - a. Exodus 30:1-10 & Hebrew 9:2
 - b. 1 cubits long x 1 cubit wide x 2 cubits high (1.5' x 1. 5' x 3')
 - c. Made of Shittim (Acacia) wood & overlaid with Gold.
 - d. 2 Rings were placed under the crown for staves (poles) that would be used for transporting.
 - e. The High Priest offered Frankincense (Incense) uon it each morning and evening.
 - f. Representative of Prayer.
- 3. The Table of Shewbread (TASTE)**
 - a. Exodus 25:23-30 & Hebrews 9:2
 - b. 2 cubits long x 1 cubit wide x 1.5 cubits wide (36” x 18” x 27”)
 - c. Made of Shittim (Acacia) wood & overlaid with Gold.
 - d. 4 Rings were placed in each foot for staves (poles) that would be used for transporting.
 - e. 12 Loaves of Bread were made each week for the High Priest and the priests serving in the Tabernacle. They represented the 12 Tribes of Israel. There were 2 stacks of 6 loaves. Here's an application: look at that 6 alongside 6 shows: 66 the total number of books in the Bible!
- 4. The Golden Candlestick (Lampstand/Menorah) (SIGHT)**
 - a. Exodus 25:31-40 & Exodus 26:35
 - b. Dimensions unknown. Made from solid Gold. A depiction of it being carried away in 70AD by the Romans is seen on the Arch of Titus in the Forum in Rome. (Had 6 branches total and a center stem)
 - c. Fueled by Oil, not Candles, though the wicks were to be trimmed so as to allow the lights to burn perpetually. According to the Book of Revelation this is symbolic of the Holy Ghost.
- 5. The Brass Laver (Washbasin) (TOUCH)**
 - a. Exodus 30:17-21; Exodus 38:8; Exodus 40:7, 30-32; Ephesians 5:26 & Hebrews 10:22
 - b. If the Priests did not wash their feet and hands prior to their service in the Tabernacle, they would be executed by Him.
- 6. The Brass Altar of Burnt Sacrifice (TASTE)**
 - a. Exodus 27:1-8 & Exodus 40:6, 10, 29
 - b. 5 cubits long x 5 cubits wide x 3 cubits high (7.5' x 7.5' x 4.5')
 - c. Made of Shittim (Acacia) wood & overlaid with Brass. The staves were likewise made of the same materials. Also there were 4 horns of brass upon each corner of the Altar. (Offerings mentioned in Leviticus chaps. 1 - 9)

There are 50 chapters in the Bible that discuss in detail the Tabernacle. It would have fit in half of a Football field (150' long x 75' wide x 7.5' high). There were coverings over the Inner Tabernacle (of the Holy Place & Holy of Holies): Fine Twined Linen of blue, purple & scarlett w/emboidered cherubims; Goat skins, Ram skins dyed red & Badgers' skins.

Tribes of Israel Name Meanings and Application

1. **North**
 - a. Naphtali – Wrestling
 - b. Asher – Happy or Blessed
 - c. Dan – Judgment
2. **East**
 - a. Issahar – Hire, Hireling, Servant
 - b. Judah – Praise
 - c. Zebulun – Dwelling, Exalt, Exaltation, Honour
3. **West**
 - a. Ephraim – Fruitful
 - b. Benjamin – Son of my Right Hand, Son of the Right Hand.
 - c. Manasseh – Forget my Toil, Forget Our Toil.
4. **South**
 - a. Gad – Company, Troop(s)
 - b. Simeon – Hearing, Obeying, Obey(s)
 - c. Reuben – See, a Son, See the Son.

Look at that – North, East, West, South form an acrostic = N + E + W + S = NEWS. What NEWS? THE GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) OF JESUS CHRIST!

The Names of the children of Israel (with interpretational words added) spells out the following:

Blessed (while) wrestling (in) Judgment, (God's) servants praise (while) dwelling (here. We) forget our toil, for the Son of the Right Hand (makes us) fruitful. (For we are His) Troops, Obeying (while) Seeing the Son.

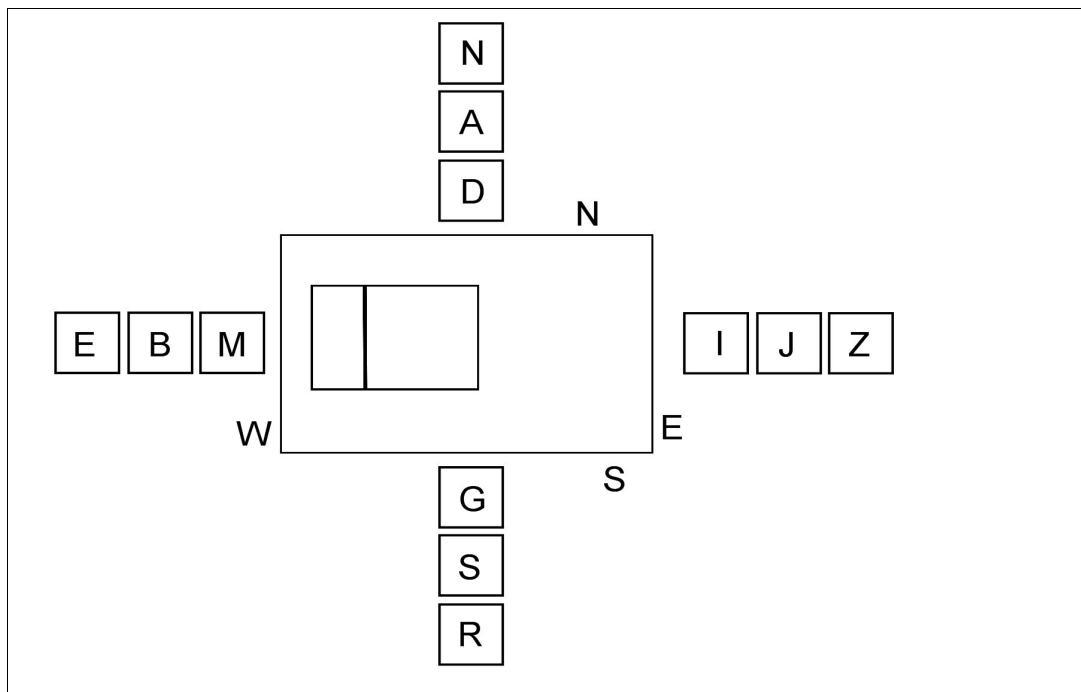


Illustration of the Tribes of Israel Camping Around the Tabernacle. (Note that it forms a Cross!)

WHAT HAVE WE DONE WITH THE FURNITURE?

2 Peter 1:12-15 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

Now Turn to: EXODUS 25:1-2. While you're turning there I want you to note that Peter is calling his body a TABERNACLE. REMEMBER THAT TABERNACLE MEANS A TENT.

Exodus 25:1-2 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering."

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Exodus 25:8-9 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

PRAYER

This Sermon started last year.... 5 days ago. It was Wednesday, December 30, 2015. We had 26 folks here for the Last Service of the Year – 5 of whom were adults. My sermon was from Exodus 40:17-18 and my focus was upon ensuring that God has a suitable Tabernacle or Temple in our bodies and our lives.

That night as Heather, Tonya, Greg & Concepcion held down the fort during the Annual Youth Lock-In, I went to bed in anticipation of the last day of the year. Suddenly, at 3:00 in the morning I bolted upright in bed, wide awake. I felt no fear. I was not worried, but I flung the covers back of my bed and ran through the darkened parsonage to my office, grabbed my notepad and started writing. I had been awoken by the Lord and I felt inspired and the materials for this sermon began flowing onto my paper.

Since that time I have been studying and struggling to get this inspiration fitted into a sermon. So I pray you will be enlightened and encouraged.

What the Lord showed me was that while our Bodies ARE TABERNACLES AND AFTER WE GOT SAVED Paul the Apostle said in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

So as I wrote down things in the wee morning hours of December 31st God spoke to my heart telling me: "The reason many Believers cannot and do not worship me is because their Tabernacles are empty. Their Temples are void of furniture. Their Holy Grounds have been defiled and been made unclean. They have not the FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT."

As I remembered 1 Corinthians 6:20 "therefore glorify God in YOUR Body AND in YOUR SPIRIT" I wondered then, HOW do I glorify God in my BODY AND SPIRIT? God reminded me again of the

Tabernacle, when did the GLORY descend? Flip over to Exodus 40:33-35 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. 34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.”

It then HIT me like a Thunderclap! ALL of Chapter 40 details MOSES – NOT GOD – MOSES MOVING THE TABERNACLE FURNITURE INTO THE REARED UP TABERNACLE. IT SHOWS OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S COMMANDS IN SETTING UP HIS HOUSE, HIS DWELLING PLACE, THE PLACE WHERE HE WOULD LIVE ON EARTH AND COMMUNE WITH MOSES.

I noticed that while we ALL have a Tabernacle, the SAVED have the Temple of the Holy Ghost, but do we have ALL the Furniture in place??? It was AFTER MOSES FINISHED THE WORK – what work? Setting everything up – HE HAD TO DO THAT – THEN a cloud covered the TENT and the GLORY FILLED THE TABERNACLE.....

As I began to see an AWESOME picture of Israel's Early Worship services I recalled another passage in John 4:20-24 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

There it was – GOD IS SEEKING – WE ARE NOT SEEKING – GOD IS SEEKING TRUE WORSHIPPERS – THOSE WHOSE TABERNACLES AND TEMPLES HAVE THE FURNITURE SET UP AND READY FOR TRUE WORSHIP – WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

So beloved, join me in this different “teachy-preachy” message – one that I think will change the way you view Church, the Body, Worship and the Tabernacle. I pray that from this you will CHANGE your life so that you are ABLE to GLORIFY THE LORD!

Consider this - Genesis 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: **he made the stars also.** So many have written books and books about the stars – something here that God uses 5 words almost it seems as an afterthought to describe the beautiful stars of the Heaven. Yet we see however that GOD WROTE 50 CHAPTERS IN HIS BIBLE ABOUT THE TABERNACLE!!! Something none of us hardly know anything about – Oh that's Old Testament – who cares? People get hyped up at times about Exodus 1-20 – Moses, 10 Plagues, Exodus, Red Sea Crossing, 10 Commandments and then WOOSH everyone flips over to Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho....

But Exodus 21-24 show various laws – some still pertinent to our English and American Common Law today and THEN in Chapter 25 and the next 14 chapters the description of the Tabernacle and the building of the Tabernacle is given – OH except for the Golden Calf incident in Chapter 32.

NOTICE the overhead.

Large Rectangle is the Outer Court boundary 150 feet long, 75 feet wide and the linen cloth wall were 7.5 feet high. Essentially folks it could fit inside half of a Football field.

Smaller Rectangle is the Tabernacle which was divided into 2 parts – the Holy Place (larger area) and the Holy of Holies (also called the Most Holy Place) where the Ark of the Covenant was situated.

Now comes the Furniture. LAY OVERHEAD. SEE YOUR HANDOUT.

Now how did a bunch of freed slaves make this stuff? Recall:

Exodus 12:33-36 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men. 34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. 35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: 36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.”

The Egyptians gave the Hebrews all this Gold, silver, cloths, etc. why? Not to keep and horde, but to GIVE FOR THE LORD'S WORK. Remember what we read earlier???

Exodus 25:1-2 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that **they bring me an offering**: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.”

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Exodus 25:8-9 **And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.** 9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

When we get to Exodus 31:2-11 See, I have called by name **Bezaleel** the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: 3 **And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,** 4 **To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,** 5 **And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.** 6 And I, behold, **I have given with him Aholiab**, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: **and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;** 7 **The tabernacle** of the congregation, and **the ark of the testimony**, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and **all the furniture of the tabernacle,** 8 **And the table** and his furniture, and **the pure candlestick** with all his furniture, and **the altar of incense,** 9 **And the altar of burnt offering** with all his furniture, and **the laver** and his foot, 10 **And the cloths of service**, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, 11 **And the anointing oil,** and **sweet incense** for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

So in Exodus 36:1-7 the people brought their offerings and Aholiab (A Father's Tent) and Bezaleel (God is Protection) were told by Moses that the people had brought enough and indeed they were bringing too much for the construction of the Tabernacle – so the people were told not to bring any more donations for there was enough and to spare. Then they with the wise-hearted built the furniture and Moses moved it all in and set it up!

Now if there was Furniture in the Earthly Tabernacle and it was used in worship, what does that say about the Furniture in our Bodily Tabernacles? Let's go through the FIRST GATE

To our Bodies that would either be the EAR GATE or the EYE GATE. Is any of the Tabernacle Furniture there?

1. HAVE WE SET IT UP?

1. The First thing we ought to see is the ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING (SACRIFICE)

1. You can read about the Sacrifices in Leviticus 1-9. Jesus' sacrifice paid for our Sin in FULL. But if we cannot offer the Old Testament Sacrifices and Jesus has ALREADY made the ULTIMATE sacrifice. What is there that's left?
2. THIS TABERNACLE – OUR BODY HAS TO BE GIVEN TO THE LORD FOR HIM TO USE. THE BODY MUST BE SACRIFICED
 1. Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
 2. Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
 3. Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.
 1. NOW ADD THE CROSS TRANSPARENCY – THAT WHICH I HAVE TAUGHT YOU NOW FINALLY MAKES SENSE!!!! THERE IS THE CROSS WE HAVE TO HAVE AND MUST HAVE FOR OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE TO WORK! FOR OUR WORSHIP TO BE MORE THAN MERE RITUAL AND ROTE!
3. Tithes as in Bulls, Sheep, Goats, etc. were offered upon the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice or Burnt Offering. Some of the meats, meals, etc. were consumed there.
4. Who could offer it but the priests
 1. 1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
 2. WE ALL ARE BELIEVER-PRIESTS and AS SUCH ARE THE ONLY ONES QUALIFIED TO OFFER OUR OWN SACRIFICES!
5. SO WE OUGHT TO SACRIFICE OUR TIME (2 hours and 40 minutes a day – 10%) TO LORD'S WORK IN HIS TABERNACLE AS A PRIEST OF GOD.
6. SACRIFICE TO GO TO CHURCH, TO PRAY, TO SING, TO PRAISE, TO SERVE, TO READ THE WORD, TO STUDY THE WORD, TO WITNESS!!!

2. The Second thing we come to is the BRASS LAVER.

1. Represents the Cleansing Word of God. The Conviction of the HOLY GHOST (Living Water) and the Word of God (Water of the Word).
2. The Priests had to wash their hands and feet BEFORE service or else they would be executed by God!
 1. John 7:38-39 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
 2. Ephesians 5:26-27 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
 1. SO THE SPIRIT WORKS TO CONVICT US IN THIS SPIRITUAL LAVER AND USES THE WATER – THE WORD OF GOD – TO WASH US.

3. 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

NOW WE ENTER INTO THE INNER TENT BY THE EAR OR EYE GATE AGAIN – TO US WE MOVE FROM THE BODY INTO THE SOUL! OR WE COULD CALL IT THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST. Inside we find 3 items: THE CANDLESTICK, THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD, THE ALTAR OF INCENSE.

3. The Third thing we come to is the GOLDEN CANDLESTICK. We SEE from it.

1. There is no doubt that this is the Holy Ghost. The Candlestick has 6 branches – 3 on one side and 3 on the other with 1 in the middle – called the samash – the servant lamp.
2. In Revelation we see 7 Lamps which are the 7 Spirits of God – which according to Isaiah 11:2 is as follows: “And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;”
 1. This is the sevenfold spirit which rested upon the Lord Jesus Christ. The plenitude of power is the sevenfold spirit: (1) of the LORD; (2) of wisdom; (3) of understanding; (4) of counsel; (5) of might; (6) of knowledge; and (7) of the fear of the LORD. The number seven in Scripture does not necessarily mean perfection. The primary thought is fullness, completeness. [Joh 3:34](#) tells us, "... for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him." In [Eph 5:18](#) we are admonished, "... be filled with the Spirit." Some of us just have a few drops at the bottom, others are one fourth filled, and some are half filled. Very few Christians you meet are really *filled* with the Spirit.
 2. We can also obtain the FULLNESS of the HOLY GHOST:
 1. STEPHEN Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,
 2. BARNABAS Acts 11:24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

4. The Fourth thing we see is the Table of Shewbread.

1. This was Bread for the priests to eat. 12 loaves in 2 stacks – 6 loaves in 1 stack and 6 in another. So 6 and 6. Side by side I see 6 6 where have I seen that before? OH YEAH - 66 books in the BIBLE! 6 is the number of man – so 6 loaves and 6 loaves. I need the Word of God doubly – Old Testament and New Testament!
2. John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
 1. Jesus is the WORD MADE FLESH.
3. The Table of Shewbread points to Jesus and is the WORD OF GOD!
4. So we use the Table of Shewbread to TASTE.

5. The Fifth thing we come to is the Altar of Incense.

1. IN Heaven in Revelation – Prayers of the Saints are burnt upon the altar before God's Throne. On Earth the altar of incense was used to burn actual frankincense.
2. In our Bodily Tabernacle this points then to the Revelational understanding of PRAYER.
3. So this points to Smell.

So far we've seen TASTE at the ALTAR OF SACRIFICE, TOUCH at the LAVER, SIGHT at the Candlestick, TASTE (again) at the ALTAR OF SHEWBREAD and SMELL at the ALTAR OF INCENSE. BUT WHERE IS HEARING?

We move beyond the Holy Place into the Holy of Holies in our Bodily Tabernacle we then move from

the Soul into the Spirit – moving past the Veil and there we see our Throne upon which God sits – or is supposed to! There is our own Spiritual Ark of the Covenant. God told Moses in Exodus 25:21-22 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. 22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.”

So God spoke to Moses from the Mercy Seat which was on top of the Ark of the Covenant.

6. The Sixth thing we come to is then the ARK OF THE COVENANT.

1. Here then is where we HEAR. We see all the 5 senses of the body within our look around at the Bodily Tabernacle.
2. Inside the Ark of the Covenant in Hebrews 9:4 we are told there was the Hidden Manna (to us that is God's Word Hidden in our Heart); Aaron's Rod that Budded (Spiritual Leadership) and the 10 Commandments (The Law we are to keep) now summarized by the Lord in Matthew 22:36-40 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”
3. Now LISTEN carefully – GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON MAY OR MAY NOT BE THERE. Turn to John 14
 1. WE HAVE THE HOLY GHOST AT SALVATON: John 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
 2. JESUS PLACES EMPHASIS UPON KEEPING AND HAVING HIS COMMANDMENTS
 1. John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
 2. John 15:7-10 **If** ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 **Herein is my Father glorified**, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
 3. John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.
 4. John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**
 1. Where does God dwell upon the Earth but between the Cherubim on the Ark of the Covenant?
 2. DO you HAVE the Commandments of Christ IN YOUR HEART?
 3. ARE you KEEPING the Commandments of Christ?
 3. SO OUR ARK OF THE COVENANT IS SIMILAR TO OUR MIND! FOR THAT IS WHAT THE HEART IS - Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Or has it happened unto us that happened to the Ark in 1 Samuel 4:19 And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her. 20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. 21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

See folks by the time you get to 2 Chronicles 5:10 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put therein at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.” Somehow Aaron's Rod that Budded was gone (Spiritual Leadership), the Pot of Manna (Hidden Word of God) – they retained the Commandments but by this time they were NOT OBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD!

So I find when EVERYTHING was in place in the Earthly Tabernacle and God's Priests were serving properly THE GLOY OF THE LORD DESCENDED UPON IT and when they DID NOT OBEY – THAT GLORY DEPARTED. SO IS EVERYTHING IN PLACE IN OUR BODILY TABERNACLE? HAVE WE SET IT (OUR SPIRITUAL FURNITURE) UP?

DO WE PRAY WITHOUT CEASING AT OUR ALTAR OF INCENSE?

DO WE SACRIFICE FOR TE LORD'S WORK? DO WE PAY OUR TITHES?

DO WE CHECK UP ON OUR LIFE AT WASH AT THE LAVER? OR ARE WE TOO BUSY CHECKING UP ON EVERYONE ELSE?

DO WE GO TO THE ALTAR OF SHEWBREAD AND READ AND STUDY THE WORD?

DO WE ENSURE WE HAVE ALL THE MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY GHOST ACTIVE IN OUR LIFE?

HAS OUR ENEMY TAKEN AWAY OUR ARK OF THE COVENANT AND HAVE WE PLACED AN IDOL THEREIN DEFILING HIS TABERNACLE AND TEMPLE? DO WE NEED TO REDEDICATE HIS TEMPLE AND TABERNACLE TO HIM? HAVE WE DEFILED THE TABERNACLE WITH SIN? 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

I TELL YOU WHAT I THINK – THERE'S A BUNCH OF US CHURCHFOLKS GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS “GIVING GOD” SUNDAY MORNING OR \$1 IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR PRAY WHEN WE'RE IN A PICKLE AND WE'RE LOADED DOWN WITH MENTAL ATTITUDE SINS AND SPIRITUAL AND SEXUAL ADULTERIES – AND YET WE BEG GOD TO BLESS US, TO BLESS AMERICA, TO BLESS OUR MINISTRIES – ALL WHILE THE WHOLE TABERNACLE IS FULL OF FILTH!

2. IS ANY IN STORAGE?

1. Where IS our Spiritual Tabernacle Furniture? Do we leave it at Church? In our Past? At Home?

3. ARE WE MAINTAINING IT?

1. The Priests were to Trim the Wick at the Candlestick FOREVER – how can they now when there is no temple? Well, hello you? YOU have a Candlestick INSIDE YOU, YOU have to ensure YOUR BOWLS ARE FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST OIL AND THEY ARE LIT FROM THE ALTAR OF PRAYER! GLORY TO GOD!!!!

2. We are not alone in this! Look at the OVERHEAD – YOUR HANDOUT.
3. The Tribe of Israel how they encamped around the Tabernacle.
4. When the Pillar of Cloud or Fire moved they pulled up the Tabernacle and followed it.
 1. REMEMBER WE CANNOT FOLLOW CHRIST UNLESS WE HAVE THE CROSS!!!
DEATH TO SELF – SACRIFICE OF OUR BODY TO THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S WORK – THE REARING OF HIS TABERNACLE AND WE PLACE HIS FURNITURE WITHIN. WE DO THAT – NOT HIM!
5. Remember Hebrews 10:22-25 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 profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.
6. TRANSPARENCY – IF THIS TABERNACLE REPRESENTS YOU OR ME OR THE BELIEVER – LOOK WHO'S AROUND YOU -NOW – OTHER CHILDREN OF GOD! THE CHILDREN OF THE LORD IN THE HOUSE OF GOD – ASSEMBLED!!
7. THE Names of the Tribes have meanings – this is what God gave me:
4. Look at that – North, East, West, South form an acrostic = N + E + W + S = NEWS. What NEWS? THE GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) OF JESUS CHRIST!
5. The Names of the children of Israel (with interpretational words added) spells out the following:
 1. Blessed (while) wrestling (in) Judgment, (God's) servants praise (while) dwelling (here. We) forget our toil, for the Son of the Right Hand (makes us) fruitful. (For we are His) Troops, Obeying (while) Seeing the Son.

SO OUTSIDE OUR OWN TABERNACLE WE BEAR N – E – W - S THE GOOD NEWS – THE GOSPEL!

WE SERVE THE LORD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS SO THAT HE THE FATHER AND HE THE SON MAY ABIDE IN US AND THUS WE MAY SERVE HIM AND WORK FOR HIM AND BEING IN HIS PRESENCE OUR FACES WILL SHINE AND GLOW as in 2 Corinthians 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

When Moses met with the Lord in the Completed and Furnished Tabernacle His Face glowed and the presence of God was seen by all throughout the wilderness journey. They followed the Lord in that whole journey.

So beloved WE HAVE WE DONE WITH THE FURNITURE??

HAVE WE SET IT UP?

IS ANY IN STORAGE?

ARE WE MAINTAINING IT?