The Way Into The Holiest – Volume 1: A Call To Perfection

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— Study Note Outline — WH1

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Let Us Go On Unto Perfection 4021

I. Introduction

- **A.** Heb. 6:1–2—First, lay the *foundation*: We must thoroughly understand the six basic doctrines here presented. Then, go on to *perfection* (maturity, fulfillment, completion).
- **B.** Prov. 4:18—The way of righteousness leads us on into ever-increasing light.
- C. Heb. 10:38–39—Either forwards or backwards: no standing still. Note the five warnings:
 - 1. Heb. 2:1–4—Against neglect and carelessness
 - **2.** Heb. 3:7, 4:13—Against hardness
 - 3. Heb. 5:11, 6:20—Against sloth, standing still, falling away
 - **4.** Heb. 10:26–39—Against sinning willfully and drawing back to perdition
 - **5.** Heb. 12:15–29—Against falling short of God's grace and refusing to hear what He says
- **D.** 1 Cor. 2:9–13—Spiritual truth comes through the *revelation* of the Holy Spirit, and must be expressed in *spiritual language*. One great example: *the tabernacle*.
- **E.** Heb.8:5—The tabernacle provides "example," "shadow" and "pattern" of heavenly realities
- **F.** Heb. 9:23–24—The tabernacle provides "figures" of heavenly realities, but Christ has entered into the actual realities which were typified by the tabernacle.
- **G.** Heb. 9:8—In particular, under the old covenant, "the way into the holiest" was not yet revealed.
- **H.** Heb. 10:19—But now, through the new covenant, we have "boldness to enter into the holiest."

The Symbolism Of The Tabernacle 4022

I. Tri-une Pattern Of Tabernacle Depicts

A. Nature of *God*

- **B.** Nature of *heaven*
- **C.** Nature of *man*
- **D.** The *church*, etc.

II. Depicting Nature Of Man

- **A.** 1 Thess. 5:23—Complete man = spirit, soul, body
 - 1. Outer Court = *Body: sense knowledge* (natural light)
 - **2.** Holy Place = *Soul: revealed truth* (oil in lampstand)
 - **3.** Holy of Holies = *Spirit: direct revelation (shekinah glory)*
- **B.** Seven items of furniture
 - Outer Court: Brazen altar and laver
 Holy Place: Table, lampstand, golden altar
 Holy of Holies: Ark and mercy seat
- **C.** Seven ministries
 - **1.** Holy Place: Apostle, prophet, evangelist,

shepherd, teacher 5

- 2. Holy of Holies: Priest and king 2
- **D.** Seven garments of the High Priest

Coat, Girdle, Robe, Ephod, Breastplate, Miter, Golden plate

E. Outer fence with linen curtains = Outward righteous living (compare Rev. 19:8; 2 Tim. 2:19)

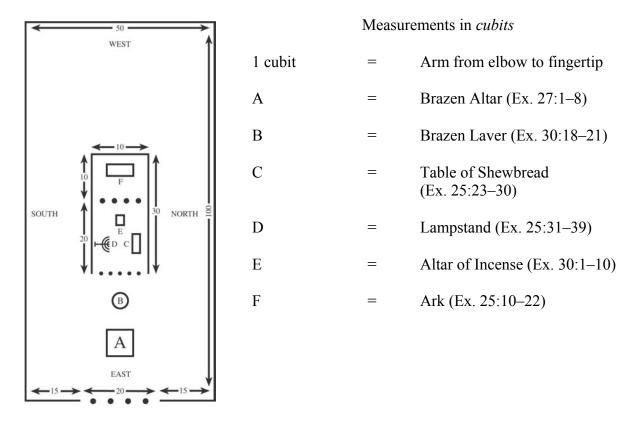
III. Three Successive Entrances Represent: Jesus The Way, The Truth, The Life (John 14:6)

A. First curtain (to Outer Court) = Jesus the way

Four pillars = Four gospels and four cherubim (Ezek. 1:10)

- 1. Matthew = King (Lion)
- 2. Mark = Servant (Ox)
- 3. Luke = Son of man (Man)
- 4. John = Son of God (Eagle)
- **B.** Second curtain (to Holy Place) = Jesus the *truth*
 - 1. Five pillars = Five main ministries: apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, teachers (Eph. 4:11)
 - **2.** Compare the five bars (Ex. 26:26–28)
- C. Third curtain "the veil" (to Holy of Holies) = Jesus the *life*
 - 1. Heb. 10:20—The rent veil = Christ's rent flesh (compare Matt. 27:51)
 - **2.** Four pillars = Christ in four aspects:
 - 1 Cor. 1:30—Wisdom, righteousness, sanctification (holiness), redemption (compare Col. 3:11)
 - **3.** Heb. 6:20; 7:2—Two heavenly ministries of Melchizedek: priest and king (compare Zech. 6:12–13)
- **D.** Ex. 26:1–14—Four coverings of the tabernacle:
 - 1. Embroidered fine linen = Righteousness of heart and inward spiritual beauty (compare 1 Pet. 3:3–4)
 - **2.** Goat's hair = The old Adamic nature
 - **3.** Ram's skin dyed red = Christ's atonement (compare Gen. 22:13)
 - **4.** Badger's skins = Outward physical body (1 Sam. 16:7)

Sketch Plan Of Tabernacle



The Outer Court 4023

Pattern of progress from Outer Court to Holy of Holies:

I. The Outer Court

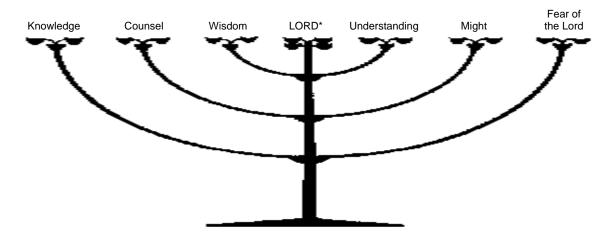
- **A.** The body: sense knowledge
 - Relates to the life of Christ "in the days of His flesh" (Heb. 5:7)
- **B.** The Brazen Altar = The cross (For description of Brazen Altar see Ex. 27:1–8) Four main provisions for the sinner:
 - 1. Forgiveness of past sins (plural) (Rom. 3:25)
 - 2. Sin (singular) put away (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 9:26)
 - **3.** Old nature crucified (Rom. 6:6)
 - **4.** Burnt offering, i.e. total dedication to God (Rom. 12:1–2; 1 Cor. 6:19–20).
- C. The Brazen Laver = God's Word (For description of Brazen Laver see Ex. 30:17–21)
 - **1.** Ex. 38:8—Made from the brazen *mirrors* of the women. The Laver typifies God's Word in three aspects: *mirror*, *judge*, *cleansing water*
 - **a.** James 1:23–24—God's Word as *mirror*
 - **b.** John 12:47–48—God's Word as *judge*
 - (1) 1 Cor. 11:31—Through the Word, God expects us to "judge ourselves"

- (2) 1 Peter 1:17—The Father is the Judge, but He has committed all judgment to the Son (John 5:22)
- **c.** Eph. 5:25–27—God's Word as cleansing water (compare John 15:3)
- 2. 1 John 5–6—Jesus came to redeem by His blood, and to sanctify by His Word

The Holy Place 4024

I. The Holy Place

- **A.** The soul: will, intellect, emotions
 - 1. From here onwards, all relates to Christ after death and resurrection, no longer "after the flesh" (2 Cor. 5:15–16).
 - **2.** The metal used is now *gold*, not brass.
- **B.** The Table of Shewbread (literally "bread of the face") = the will (Ps. 104:15)
 - **1.** Wine = Emotions
 - **2.** Oil = Intellect (Illumination)
 - **3.** Bread = Will
 - **a.** Bread represents *strength* (compare Is. 3:1)
 - **b.** Christ sets the pattern for the will
 - **c.** Heb. 10:5–7—His body was prepared that He might do God's will (compare John 5:30, 6:38; Matt. 26:39–42)
 - **4.** Rom. 12:1–2—By yielding our body we discover God's will
 - **5.** John 4:32–34—Doing God's will was the source of Christ's *strength*. Our will must be like the shewbread (Lev. 24:5–9; Num. 4:7):
 - **a.** Ground, i.e. totally yielded (Is. 28:28)
 - **b.** Molded, i.e. conformed to God
 - c. Baked, i.e. tested
 - **d.** Completely ordered according to God's direction
 - e. Covered by frankincense, i.e. worship
 - **f.** Perpetually displayed before God's face (compare Num. 4:7)
 - **g.** Surrounded by a double protective crown. (Luke 21:36)—The double protection: "Watch and pray" (compare Matt. 26:41)
 - h. Regularly dedicated afresh to God
- **C.** The seven branched lampstand = the intellect
 - 1. "Beaten" gold suggests the disciplined cultivation of the intellect by study and submission (See 2 Cor. 10:5; Rom. 8:7; 1 Thess. 5:8).
 - 2. Ps. 119:130—Understanding is compared to "light," and comes by God's Word.
 - **3.** Eph. 4:23—The renewing of the mind is a *spiritual* process.
 - **4.** Phil. 2:5—Christ sets the pattern for the intellect.
 - **5.** Rev. 1:4, 4:5—The Holy Spirit is manifested in *seven* forms (like light is the seven colors of the rainbow).
 - **6.** Is. 11:1–3—The seven forms of the Holy Spirit that rested upon Christ correspond to seven branches of the lampstand:



* Acts 13:2; 2 Cor. 3:17

- 7. The illumination of the *intellect* depends upon the yielding of the *will*.
- **8.** The illuminated *intellect* always reveals the condition of the *will* (James 3:13ff).
- **D.** The golden altar of incense = the emotions

This altar had the following features:

- 1. Foursquare, i.e. balanced, not given to excess in any one direction
- 2. The protective crown, i.e. self-control
- **3.** The fire, i.e. intensity, purity (the "passion" of the soul)
- **4.** The incense, i.e. devotion made fragrant by the test of fire. No "honey!" (Lev. 2:11)
- 5. The smoke, i.e. adoration, expressed in praise and worship
- **6.** The horns sanctified by blood, i.e. acceptance of Christ's atonement
- 7. The highest piece of furniture, its horns level with the wings of the cherubim on the mercy seat, i.e. adoration lifts us to the highest level
- **8.** The point of transition from the Holy Place to the Holy of Holies, i.e. from soul to spirit

Praise: an *utterance*, response to God's love

Worship: an *attitude*, response to God's righteousness

Holiness: *Love* united with *righteousness*

9. We come to the right use of our emotions only after bringing our will and our intellect into line with God's requirements.

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