

# Entering Into the Holy of Holies

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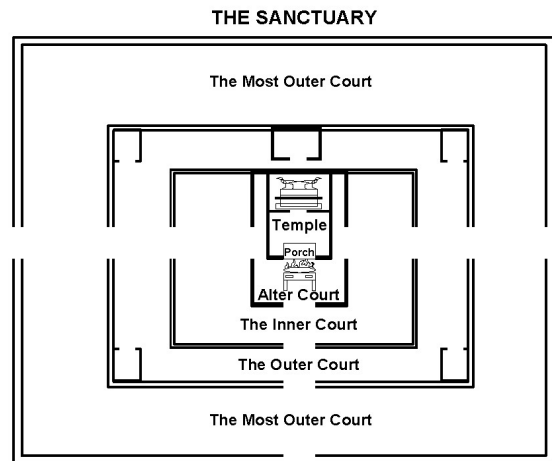
## We are the Sanctuary – the Temple of the Lord.

**1 Corinthians 3:16:** *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

**1 Corinthians 3:17:** *If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.*

**1 Corinthians 6:19:** *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?*

**1 Corinthians 9:13:** *Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?*



## The blueprint of the Sanctuary (Temple of Solomon-Five major areas)

1. The Most Outer Court (*The Profane Place*)
2. The Outer Court (*Slaughter & Skinning*)
3. The Inner Court (*The Court of Israel/Men*)
4. The Altar Court (*Court of the Priest*)
5. The Temple Area (*Holy of Holies*)

Have you ever thought, “I really do not see how God could love me”? The Scripture tells us that we did not choose Him, but He chose us. He sought you out and found you when you were but lost in sin, blind to the light of righteousness, and a slave to self. Now that He has found you He wants you to seek Him. God is crying out to you and I, “**Search Me and learn My ways.**”

**Hebrews 3:10:** *Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.*

**Romans 8:27:** *And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

**1 Corinthians 2:10:** *But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

**1 Peter 1:10:** *Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:*

**The Most Outer Court**, also known as the Profane Place. **Profane** is defined as secular; impure; foul; irreverent; disrespectful; or to treat with irreverence. This is equal to our flesh man. This is where you either started or still remain.

God is a God of trust, and with His trust comes expectation. Not the expectation of man and religion but the expectation of righteous relationship with a Holy God. To live anything short is to declare Him unholy and unworthy of your very best. God trust you with His treasures. He is a God who trusted much to twelve men. He is a God who entrusted all of creation to us.

Jesus tells a **parable of the woman who put in one mite**. She placed in more than all others because of the **purity and selflessness of her heart**. **This is the only way to enter into the Holy of**

**Holies.** Most just stay in the outer courts and never enter into the Holy of Holies because they cannot get past the self of the heart. Many just stand in the Most Outer Courts waiting on Christ to return. But when He returns they will be sorely surprised to find that it was expected of them to go deeper into the Temple, and that God wanted to go deeper into the Sanctuary of their hearts.

**Deuteronomy 29:29** *The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.*

**The Outer Court.** You cannot find what you do not seek. You will not seek what is not revealed to you. If revelation is hearing the Word and doing it. Then doing what you have heard in obedience to the Word is where God reveals more of His treasures of the Kingdom. You cannot stand here and just be a spectator. This is a place of challenging all you say you are to God. When you begin to seek more of God with a sincere, open, transparent, pure heart then He brings you from the Most Outer Court into the Outer Courts. This is the place of slaughter and skinning. This is the place God tries your heart and says, “Will you really place all of self on the altar? Will you completely die to self? Will you lay all of your hurts, offenses, ambitions, and self dependency on the altar and give it to Me? Will you then give Me the very best of place in you, through, and before you? If not, then we can go no further. You will stay the child and not see the full inheritance.” If your answer is a resolved and resounding yes, then He takes you into the Inner Court, the Court of Israel or the Court of Men.

**The Inner Court (court of Israel).** Jacob fought for an inheritance from the Kingdom. He was willing to wrestle the angel to keep it. As a result God changed his name to Israel – the name of a people and a land that would become a great nation as the result of a covenant between God and Abraham. We are sons of God. Through Christ God hath made us heirs of His Kingdom.

**Romans 8:13-17** *For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

**John 1:12-13** *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

**Galatians 4:1-7** *Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

When you are a child, you act as a child and play as a child. But there is an expectation that you are to grow up and become Sons and Daughters who become Fathers and Mothers. This is why Paul tells the church, “*You should be eating meat but you still need milk like children.*”

A child would reach the age where the Father would publicly proclaim, “This is my Son in

whom I am well pleased.” At this point he transitioned from childhood to sonship. However, in his now adolescent stage he was not given all his father had until he had proved himself trustworthy, mature, and a responsible, unselfish steward. At that point, he received the full inheritance of his father.

**So it is with us.** God seeks for us to move from the Outer Most Court, through the Outer Court and into the Court of Israel (Also known as the Court of Men). A place where we learn to truly trust God, honor and serve Him with our whole life, our attitudes, our thoughts, and our responses. This is the place where you grow in maturity into a Man or Woman of God. This is a place where your needs are resolved between you and God, and God uses you to help others grow.

Then God sought to take a us a step further and make us more than sons and daughters. He sought to make a way for us to get even closer to Him. He sought to make us after the Temple of David, the Heart of David, where with fear and reverence not forsaken, a Holy desire to see God drove into the place where only the priest could go.

**The Altar Court (Court of Priest).** God made a way that we could go into the Altar Court also known as the Court of the Priest. This is where the sacrifices were offered unto God. This is where they brought the best to be sacrificed. This is where they brought something that cost them something.

**Hebrews 4:13-16** *Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.***

Here in the Court of the Priest, self has been offered as a sacrifice. Your thoughts, your rights, your opinion, your attitudes, your offenses, your body -- all is laid upon the altar. You then give all of your heart, soul, mind and strength. You give God your very best for His utmost glory. You then receive the delegated authority of the Father over all creation. You have been given the privilege of the greater revelations of the mysteries of God. You begin to embrace and walk in the fullness of the inheritance of God's Kingdom.

**Ephesians 3:10-12** *To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.*

Here you can see Jesus. Here you begin to see the Word of God as Christ Himself. Here you have the confidence of the Word of God that is now revelation (obedience) in your life and you can come boldly before the Father, knowing He is faithful and that you have been as well. Now you can stand before Him walking in purity, holiness, righteousness and obedience. Now you can enter into the His most holy presence. You can enter into the Temple Area, also known as the Holy of Holies, where no man could go before. Now His presence, His power, His majesty, His glory can dwell in you, not in an ark or box, but in you. You are now that dwelling place of God's Holy presence. You are now that place of habitation for the Most High God.