

Praying the Tabernacle

(You will find the first three areas of the Tabernacle, the DOOR, the OUTER COURT and the BRASS ALTAR. Pray or use the words in *blue italics* during your pray time.)

The tabernacle was a tent 45' by 15' and was surrounded by an enclosure 150' by 75' separated from the world

How would God's people to enter into the Courtyard of the Tabernacle?

Psa 100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Thanksgiving and Praise is so important – Thanksgiving is the best place to start

THE GATE – the place of Thanksgiving

Only one way into the Tabernacle –

John 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Thanksgiving is the place to start – our prayer time should start with Thanksgiving – Why?

Because we at times find ourselves feeling heavy or weighted down

The key to the suppression of depression is not to pop a pill, but to give thanks to the Lord

Begin to thank the Lord for specific things

Thank God for life, you're alive

Thank God for provision

Thank God for health

Thank God for food to eat, place to sleep

Thank God for your job

Thank God for your family and church family

Express your gratitude to God

Grateful men will always be great – full men

***In every thing give thanks:** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

It tells us to give thanks in everything

*Ephesians 5:20 **Giving thanks always for all things** unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;*

It tells us to give thanks for all things

I can choose to be depressed or to give thanks in everything for everything

When I choose thanksgiving I suddenly find myself much freer to pray than when I was grumpy and glum

Begin your prayer time with THANKSGIVING – giving thanks IN everything and FOR everything

THE COURTYARD – the place of Praise

After I have spent time thanking God for what he has done, I praise Him for who He is

Begin to praise Him for His:

- *Beauty*
- *Purity*
- *Creativity*
- *Mercy*
- *Grace*
- *Love*
- *Faithfulness*
- *Holiness*
- *Kindness*

We don't praise God to give Him strokes of affirmation – but create in our hearts a spirit of expectation

Praising Him for who he is cause me to come to Him with great confidence

If I have already praised Him for who He is, then when I bring my needs to Him I can do it with confidence that my needs are no problem to Him

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Be thankful unto Him – Thanksgiving
Bless His Name – Praise

(I begin to Praise Him and what His name represents)

Eight Redemptive Names of God

JEHOVAH-JIREH..... "The Lord will provide"
JEHOVAH-NISSI..... "The Lord our banner"
JEHOVAH-SHALOM..... "The Lord is peace"
JEHOVAH-TSID-KENU..... "The Lord our righteousness"
JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH..... "The Lord who is present"
JEHOVAH-SABBAOTH..... "The Lord of Hosts"
JEHOVAH-ROHI..... "The Lord my shepherd"
JEHOVAH-RAPHA..... "The Lord our healer"

He is:

The KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS
The STONE which the builders rejected
The GOOD SHEPARD
The BRIDEGROOM
The MASTER
EMMANUEL – That is God with us!
The HORN of my SALVATION
The SAVIOR – Thy SALVATION
The KING that cometh in the NAME OF THE LORD!
The WORD
The LIGHT in a dark world

The BREAD of life – the LIFE
The WAY – The TRUTH – The LIFE
The TRUE VINE
The LAMB OF GOD

He is:

The SAVIOUR of the world
The CHIEF CORNER STONE
The PEACE – The LORD OF PEACE
The HEAD OF ALL PRINCIPALITIES AND POWER
The RIGHTEOUS JUDGE
The CAPTAIN of our salvation
The HIGH PRIEST – THE PRIEST of good things to come
The AUTHOR and FINISHER of our faith
A LAMB without spot or blemish
The LIVING STONE
Our SAVIOR – JESUS CHRIST
Him that is TRUE
Our HEALER
Our DELIVER
Our PROVIDER
ALPHA & OMEGA – THE BEGINNING & THE END
The ONE WHO hath the keys of HELL and of DEATH
The ONE WHO hath a SHARP SWORD with two edges

There is a difference between thanksgiving and praise

Thanksgiving thanks God for what he does for us
Praise acknowledges who He is to us

God does not need praise

We need to praise so that we remember the nature of the One to whom we bring our requests

We are reminded of the strength and love of the One to whom I pray when we enter His Courts with praise

PRAY

Father we desire to pray today, so we come to your presence right NOW -- seeking You.

*We cry out for Your anointing today!
Anoint me, Lord!*

Only through more anointing can I carry out my work according to your will for me and only by your anointing can I fulfill your plan for my life.

It was You who commanded Moses to build the tabernacle in the wilderness.

Lord, you dwelt there and met your people there.

The Israelites only worshipped You in that tabernacle.

*The Tabernacle illustrates Your pattern of worship.
It holds the sequence to draw close to You!*

I desire that intimacy today.

I thank you for the Courtyard – where the Brazen Altar and the Laver is.

I thank you for the Holy Place – where the Candlesticks are, as well as the Table of Showbread and the Altar of Incense.

I thank you for the Holy of Holies – where the Arc of the Covenant and Your Mercy Seat reside.

According to Your Word – I am a priest in your temple, my body.

*My spirit is as the Holy of Holies.
My mind is as the Holy Place.
My physical body is as the Courtyard.*

Come, Lord Jesus!

Work through my spirit, through my mind, through my body.

I directly worship you, Lord, through the temple of my body, my mind and my spirit.

*I am a priest unto the Lord.
Jesus, You are the High Priest of Heaven.*

*Teach me my priestly duties today.
Teach me according to your ordained pattern of approaching God.*

The BRASS ALTAR – the place of Repentance and Confession

1Corinthians 15:31 ...*I die daily.*

Jesus died so that we may live. The Lamb of God was the final blood

John 1:29 *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith,
Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

We must search our heart and repent daily to insure that we are free from all sin

This is the Altar – this is the place of death – death to our sinful nature – the old flesh

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.*

The flesh is alive – its living – kicking – fighting- wanting to escape death

It's at the first piece of furniture in the Court Yard that we have the Altar – the Court Yard represents the Physical Body – the flesh and its here that it must die out to the World

We stop and examine ourselves – the work of the flesh

The works of the flesh are these (see Galatians 5:19-21 and Mark 7:21-23)

Galatians 5:19 *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,*

Galatians 5:20 *Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,*

Galatians 5:21 *Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

The flesh has to be sacrificed – before the will of the Father can be done and His kingdom established

Notice how spiritual warfare takes place in the mind on each of these works of the flesh **before** the actual action takes place.

Go down the list and examine your flesh and if you find any area of your flesh that is alive and operating ask God to forgive you and die out to it

Adultery: sexual unfaithfulness to husband or wife. It is also looking on a woman or a man to lust after her or him. Looking at and lusting after the opposite sex whether in person, magazines, books, on beaches or anywhere else is adultery. Imagining and lusting within the heart is the very same as committing the act.

Fornication: a broad word including all forms of immoral and sexual acts. It is pre-marital sex and adultery; it is abnormal sex, all kinds of sexual vice.

Uncleanness: moral impurity; doing things that dirty, pollute, and soil life.

Lasciviousness: filthiness, indecency, shamelessness. A chief characteristic of the behavior is open and shameless indecency. It means unrestrained evil thoughts and behavior.

Idolatry: the worship of idols, whether mental or made by man's hands; the worship of some idea of what God is like, of an image of God within a person's mind; the giving of one's primary devotion (time and energy) to something other than God.

Witchcraft: sorcery; the use of drugs or of evil spirits to gain control over the lives of others or over one's own life. In the present context it would include all forms of seeking the control of one's fate including astrology, palm reading, séances, fortune telling, crystals, and other forms of witchcraft.

Hatred : enmity, hostility, animosity. It is the hatred that lingers and is held for a long time; a hatred that is deep within.

Variance : strife, discord, contention, fighting, struggling, quarreling, dissension, wrangling. It means that a man strives against another person in order to get something: position, promotion, property, honor, recognition. He deceives, doing whatever has to be done to get what he is after.

Emulations : Coveting, wanting and desiring to have what someone else has. It may be material things, recognition, honor, or position.

Wrath : indignation; a violent, explosive temper; anger; quick and explosive reactions that arise from stirred and boiling emotions. But it is anger which fades away just as quickly as it arose. It is not anger that lasts.

Strife : conflict, struggle, fight, contention, faction, dissension; a party spirit, a cliquish spirit.

Seditious : division, rebellion, standing against others, splitting off from others.

Heresies : rejecting the fundamental beliefs of God, Christ, the Scriptures, and the church; believing and holding to some teaching other than the truth.

Envy : this word goes beyond jealousy. It is the spirit...

- that wants not only the things that another person has, but begrudges the fact that the person has them.
- that wants a person to lose the things he has, and wants him to suffer through the loss of them.

Murders : to kill, to take the life of another person. Murder is sin against the sixth commandment.

Drunkenness : taking drink or drugs to affect one's senses for lust or pleasure; becoming tipsy or intoxicated; partaking of drugs; seeking to loosen moral restraint for bodily pleasure.

Reveling : carousing; uncontrolled license, indulgence, and pleasure; taking part in wild parties or in drinking parties; lying around indulging in feeding the lusts of the flesh.

Mark 7:21 *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,*

Mark 7:22 *Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:*

Evil Thoughts: thoughts and imaginations and ideas and concepts that are base, wrong, wicked, immoral, unjust, reprehensible; thoughts that are not what they should be; thoughts that are not moral, clean and pure; thoughts that are not just and equitable; thoughts that are not uplifting and edifying; thoughts that are not spiritual, but carnal. Evil thoughts are a sin against all the commandments (Exodus 20:1f)

Thefts: to cheat and steal; to take wrongfully from another person, either legally or illegally.

Wickedness: to be depraved, to be actively evil, to do mischief, to trouble others and cause harm, to be malicious, to be dangerous and destructive. It is malice, hatred, and ill-will. It is an active wickedness, a desire within the heart to do harm and to corrupt people. It is actually pursuing others in order to seduce them or to harm them.

Deceit: to bait, to snare, to mislead, to beguile, to be crafty and deceitful, to mislead or give a false impression by word, act, or influence. It is conniving and twisting the truth to get one's own way. A man plots and deceives, doing whatever has to be done in order to get what he wants.

Evil Eye: to look where one should not; to lust after what one should not; to envy, covet, crave and desire by looking; to use the eye in an evil way; to satisfy one's lusts and desires by looking.

Blasphemy: to slander, insult, revile, speak evil of God or man.

Pride: self-exaltation, conceit, arrogance, haughtiness, putting oneself above others, looking down upon others, scorn, contempt. It means to lift one's head above another, to hold contempt for another, to compare oneself with others. Pride can be hidden in the heart as well as openly displayed. God resists the proud (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5; Proverbs 3:24).

Foolishness: moral senselessness, folly, wrecklessness, thoughtlessness. It is a man who acts foolishly in morals and duty, behavior and thought.

I must ask the question, "Is any of these works of the flesh operating in my life?"

At the Altar is where I die out to the flesh and ask God to forgive me of my actions

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.*

Pray the Word (Psalms 51)

Psalm 51:9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Psalm 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Psalm 51:13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

At the Brazen Altar.

I remember the different offerings presented: sin, trespass, burnt, thanks, reconciliation.

These foretold of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ at Calvary.

We must recognize the tremendous cost of sin.

Pray to declare the works of the cross

I believe the Cross of Jesus Christ replaces the Brazen Altar for me today.

The blood of Jesus Christ replaces the blood of animals for me – one sacrifice for all time through Jesus Christ.

My sin is forgiven – I am declared righteous through the Cross.

*No guilt and shame for me today; I have a clean slate.
I will enjoy the Glory of God today.*

The Shekinah Glory is in me.

*Lord, through your shed blood you conquered the world and the devil.
Give me sanctification and fullness of the Holy Ghost through the blood of Jesus.*

Any hold that the world or the devil has on me is canceled and broken right now in Jesus' name!

Because of the blood, I am free!

*You hung on the cross and took my infirmities – I am healed.
Sickness is illegal in me.*

I am healed today!

By the stripes Jesus endured in the courtyard of Pilate I am healed!

Through the Cross – through your blood – I am redeemed from the curse.

*You hung on a tree so that Abraham's blessing would be mine.
I am a blessed person!*

*I am no longer under the curse.
I am under the blessing of Christ today– in my home, work, ministry and family.*

There is no poverty – no curse for me.

You became poor for me so that I can be rich in Jesus Christ. In Christ I am redeemed completely from any negative thinking.

No cloudy thinking for me today – only clarity on my freedom from the curse and freedom from poverty.

This is a blessing of the blood of Christ.

I am redeemed from death and hell.

Through His death on the cross, resurrection and ascension, I am spiritually with Jesus according to Scripture.

I see His redeeming grace flowing to me now.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that my mind is renewed in you when I pray this way, claiming these truths, worshipping you.

Thank you for renewing me from a mind that was clogged with lies and negative thoughts.

*I have nothing to do with the filthy things of the world.
I reject the lie.*

I cut off every tie with the dark side in Jesus' name.

No more self-failing prophecy, but God-fulfilling prophecy for me.

Lord, Clarify my vision of myself as an adopted son of God, a member of your family of priests.

*Make me aware of my new identity – a new person
in you, a new creation through the blood of Jesus Christ.*

*I have no more identity crisis.
I have a clear identity in Jesus Christ!*

My mind is no longer victimized by the devil's lies.

*I am a NEW CREATURE, a NEW CREATION. I AM HOLY, I am
SANCTIFIED, I am BLESSED; the GLORY OF GOD IS MINE!*

Everyday that I renew my mind, I confirm and affirm my new identity.

I worship Jesus and His sacrifice for me.

Through the Blood of Jesus I have been:

- Adopted into your family as a son or daughter of God.*
- Ordained as a priest in your royal priesthood.*

The Blood has delivered me:

- From sin to RIGHTEOUSNESS.*
- From the world and devil to the HOLY SPIRIT & THRONE OF GOD.*
- From sickness to HEALTH & HEALING.*

• From poverty and a cursed mindset to GOD'S BLESSINGS – ABRAHAM'S BLESSING.

***I get to experience GOD'S GLORY every day.
I discard my cloudy identity of the past and receive a
CLEAR IDENTITY in Jesus Christ today!***

***All this happens through the cross and the blood of Jesus
Christ.***

***I worship you Lord at the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard of the
Tabernacle.***

**You have just entered into pray – the GATE of
thanksgiving – the COURT of praise and the ALTAR of
sacrifice.**