

THE TABERNACLE

Pattern for Prayer

The Old Testament Tabernacle provided a way for Israel, through the priests, to approach and serve God. We are told that this was a shadow of the real, Heb. 8:5; 9:23, 24.

Now the shadow is gone, and the real has come. All believers are now priests, 1 Pet. 2:5,9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10. And we are to minister before the Lord for His pleasure and on behalf of mankind.

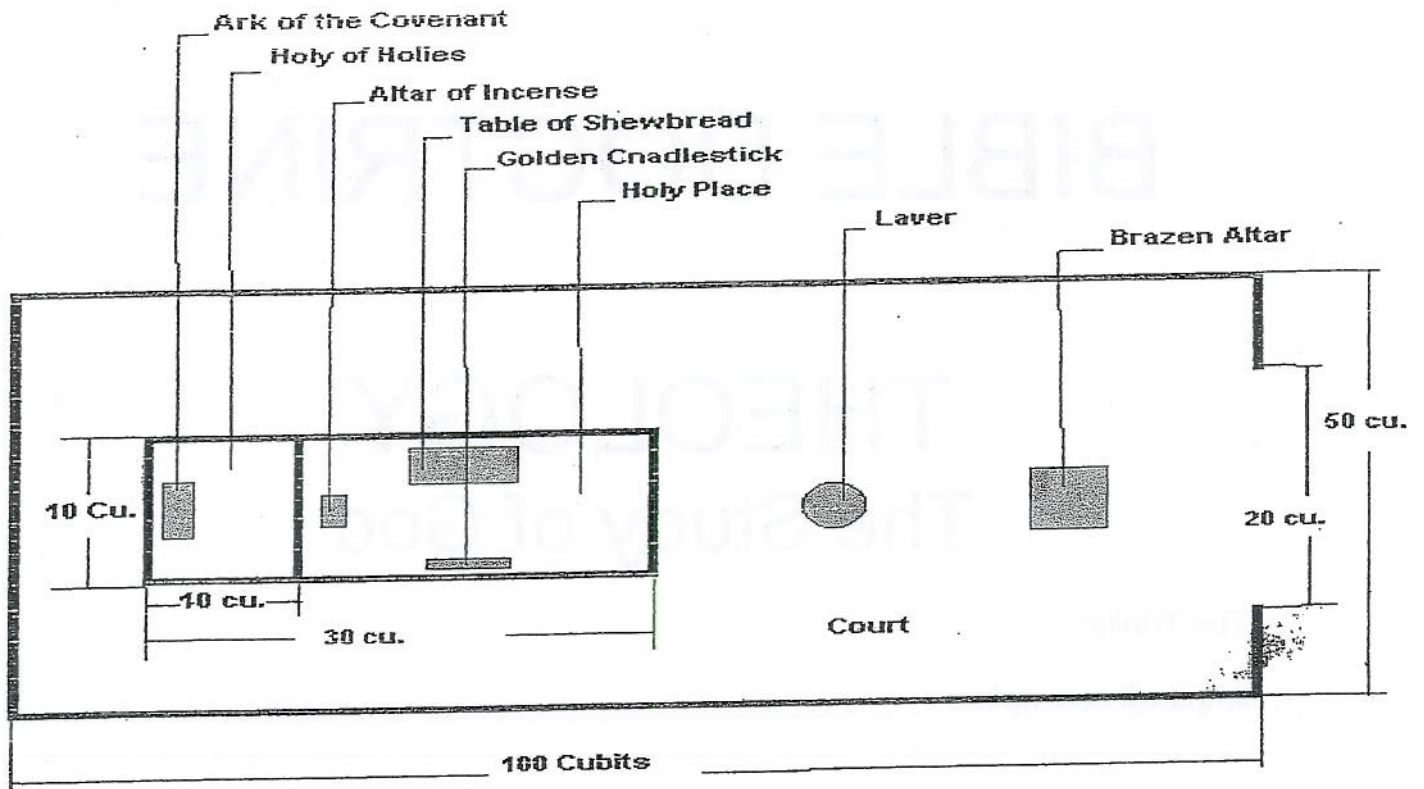
We are given an infallible picture of our daily relationship with God, resulting in our most important ministry, the ministry of prayer. That ministry, by faith, takes place in the very presence of God, Heb. 10:19-22.

Every day the priest would go from one station of the tabernacle to the other, finally arriving at the altar of incense. All this was in preparation to minister at the altar of incense which was a symbol of prayer, Ps. 141: 1-2.

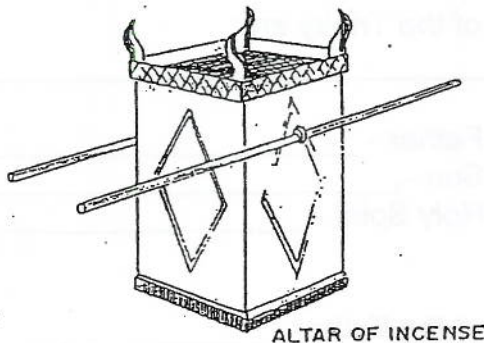
Here is the ministry of the tabernacle, showing our daily lives:

<u>TABERNACLE STATION:</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE:</u>	<u>MEANING:</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE:</u>
The Altar	Ex. 27:1-8	Confession of sin	1 Jn. 1:9
The Laver	Ex. 30:17-21	Bible Reading	Eph. 5:26; Jn. 15:3
The Table of Shewbread	Ex. 25:23-30	Study of the Word	Jo. 6:57; 15:7; 2Tim. 2:15
The Lamp	Ex. 25:31-40	The Holy Spirit	Eph. 6:18; Jude 20
The Incense	Ex. 30:1-8	Prayer	Rev. 5:8; 8:3-4; Heb. 13:15

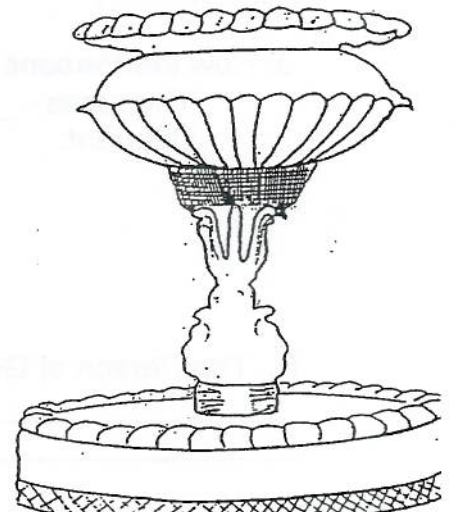
Properly prepared then, our day is to be one of being constantly (1 Thess. 5:17), watchfully (Col. 4:2), and intently (Rom. 12:12), at every opportunity (Eph. 6:18) engaged in prayer.



THE ARK OF THE COVENANT



ALTAR OF INCENSE



THE LAVER

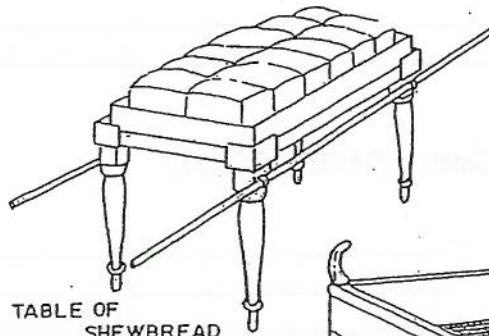
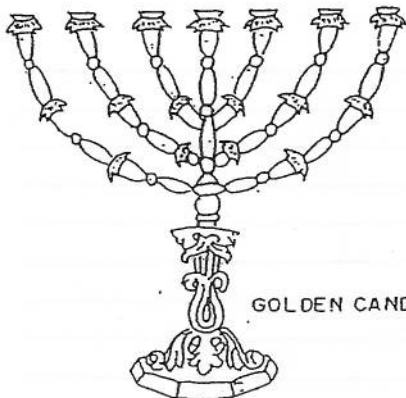
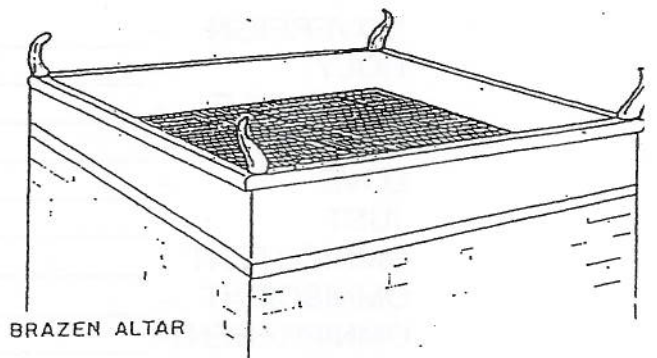


TABLE OF SHEWBREAD



GOLDEN CANDLESTICK



BRAZEN ALTAR

THE FURNISHINGS OF THE TABERNACLE