

Tabernacle prayers

1. The outer court. The place to deal with my flesh.

A. The narrow gate

Thank you Jesus that you said

13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide [is] the gate and broad [is] the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 "Because narrow [is] the gate and difficult [is] the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. [Mat 7:13-14 NKJV]

Thank you Jesus that you are the narrow gate.

- Thank you I come to the gate I see **blue** which speaks of you as the son of God - to be worshipped
- thank you I see **red** which speaks of you as saviour - I believe you and I receive you
- thank you I see the **purple** which speaks of you as King - I serve you and I obey you
- thank you I see the **white** which speaks of your holiness - I fear you and I revere you.

B. The brazen altar- which represents the cross

Thank you Lord I come into the outer court and I see the brazen altar which represents the cross of Jesus.

- Thank you Jesus that the bloodshed on the cross has washed me clean from my sin
- thank you **I have no guilt** before you because I trust in the power of the cross
- thank you the **power of sin has been broken** by the cross
- thank you **my old nature** and old man are **crucified** at the cross
- thank you I have been **reconciled** to you **through the blood** of the cross (Colossians 1:20)

Lord I take up my cross today, I have assurance of forgiveness from sin, I am liberated from the power of sin, I give myself as a living sacrifice to you I am a burnt offering totally dedicated to your will.

C. The laver of water

Thank you Lord for the laver of water which is the mirror of your word (James 1:23). You cleanse me through the water of your word (Ephesians 5). The word exposes the condition of my heart and soul (Hebrews 4:12). Today I reflect on your word in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20).

- Lord have I had any other God but you?
- Lord that any idols in my life?
- Lord have I spoken your name in vain?
- Lord have I kept the Sabbath and given my tithes and put myself in the place of blessing?
- Law do I honour my parents and those in authority?
- Lord to I kill by hating or being angry without cause?
- Lord do I commit adultery through lustful thoughts or my actions?
- Lord am I stealing what belongs to you or anyone else?
- Lord am I witnessing falsely, misleading people by what I say?
- Lord am I coveting things that are outside your will for me?

Thank you Lord your word shows me my need for a Saviour, Jesus the Christ

2. **The holy place. The place to deal with my soul-my mind, my will, my emotions. Enter through the door- Jesus (John 10:7) by hearing the voice. We hear after we have repented, died with Christ, been cleansed by the blood in the outer court.**

The lampstand - renews my mind

- thank you Jesus I see the lampstand which gives light. Thank you that you are the light of the world and my source of hope. Thank you that you are the light in the darkness and you expose evil.
- Thank you Holy Spirit the lampstand represents you in my life.
 - Holy Spirit you are God resting in me – the Spirit of holiness
 - you are the Spirit of Wisdom
 - you are the Spirit of understanding
 - you are the Spirit of counsel
 - you are the Spirit of power and might
 - you are the Spirit of knowledge
 - you're the Spirit of the fear of the Lord
- Holy Spirit you renew my mind (Ephesians 4:23)

The table of the bread of the Presence -renewing my will

Holy Spirit thank you that you illuminate the bread.

- The table of the bread speaks of my covenant with you Lord. Jesus has made a new covenant with me. He is my God and we are his people. He has written His laws and ways on my heart and mind,
- Jesus is the **bread of life** -the one who sustains me.
- The bread is the rhema word - the specific word of God you are speaking to me today
- Just like Jesus my food is to do the will of the Father (Jn4:34).
- Bread speaks of the crushing of our will and the testing of our works and hearts by fire.

Like Jesus I say Lord not my will but your will be done.

The altar of incense- renewing my emotions

Lord I come to the altar of incense and offer my praise and my worship. Worship means to bow before you.

- Lord I worship you alone for you are the only God
- Lord I come in fear and reverence and worship you for your mercy (Psalm 5:7)
- Lord I join with multitudes and worship you (Psalms 22:27)
- Lord I worship you in the beauty of holiness and give you the glory that is due to your great name, (Psalms 29:2) I sing to your name (Psalm 66:4)
- Lord I come and worship you and kneel before you for you are my God and I am the sheep in your pasture (Psalms 95:6)
- Lord I exalt you and worship that your footstool for you are holy (Psalms 99:5)
- Lord I worship you for your lovingkindness and your truth, I worship you for your word which is even above your name (Psalms 138:2)
- Lord I bow down before you and I cast my crowns before you (Revelation 4:10)
- Lord I join with those in heaven and say

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come, You are worthy O Lord

to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things

and by your will they exist and were created (Revelation 4:8, 11)

Lord you are the focus of my affection and emotions, they are renewed and I set my heart on you

Benny Hinn says the altar of incense as the place of worship from a living sacrifice, he that is joined to the Lord is one with the Lord. Cho sees it as worship and praise and the place of revelation of God in US. Prince highlights that the special incense that was used at this setting was never used anywhere else and it was taken into the holy of holies. We are called to worship in Spirit [the lampstand] and truth [word and covenant] and our emotions [our whole heart] energised and thanking God for all the blood of Jesus has done for us.

3. The Holy of Holies

Reading Hebrews 10: 19-23.

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest **by the blood of Jesus, (Cross, brazen altar)**
20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, **through the veil, that is, His flesh, (Cross, table shewbread-** body broken for you)
21 and [having] a High Priest over the house of God, **(Jesus resurrected now)**
22 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 (Laver)**. 23 Let us hold fast the **confession of [our] hope without wavering, for He who promised [is] faithful. (Holy Spirit illuminated rhema)**

Entering the holy of Holies

We are entering the very presence of God and we take the **Blood and the censer of incense** (our love and worship)

Insights from Ps Andrew Murray – The Practice of God’s Presence (7 Book Volume)

book 1: the power of the blood of Jesus

7. Dwelling in “the holiest” through the blood

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter **into the holiest by the blood** of Jesus, **20 By a new and living way**, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 And **[having] an high priest** over the house of God; 22 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;) [Heb 10:19-23 KJV]

what has God prepared for us?

The holiest

The holy of holies or the holiest is simply the dwelling place of God. In 4:23-4 worship in Spirit and Truth.

“In the holiest, the favour and fellowship of God are enjoyed, the life and blessing of God are experienced, the power and joy of God are found. Life is spent in the holiest in priestly purity and consecration; there the incense of sweet savour is burned and sacrifices acceptable to God are offered. it is a holy life of prayer and blessedness.... May it be the one desire of our hearts to enter into the holiest, to live in the holiest, to minister in the holiest. We can confidently expect the Holy Spirit to give us a right idea of the glory of entering into a dwelling in the holiest.

Liberty through the blood

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. [Eph 2:13 NKJV]

- The blood draws us near to God.
- The power of the blood has entirely destroyed the power of sin, death, the grave, and hell.
- Sin took away our liberty of approach to God; the blood perfectly restores this liberty to us.

A new and living way

- the new and living way involved the tearing of the veil of the flesh because sin has its power and working through the flesh. Through the cross Jesus flesh was put to death.
- “To the extent that the believer perceives the sinfulness of his flesh, and puts to death the lusts of the flesh, he will better understand the power of the blood.”
- We do not do this in our own strength, Jesus life giving power works in us this way

24 And those [who are] Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. [Gal 5:24-25 NKJV]

The great priest

In the holiest we find Jesus there as the great high priest He brings us to the Father and allows us to experience intimacy with God. The high priest is there to help us.

How we are prepared?

- **draw near with a true heart**

what is a true heart? It is the heart that God has given us. By the power of the Holy Spirit of God who dwells in that new heart, place yourself, by an exercise of your will, on the side of God against the sin that is still in your flesh. Say to the Lord Jesus, the high priest, that you submit and cast down before him every sin and all of your self life, forsaking all to follow him. **And to rid yourself of the sin you're not even aware of ask God- search me oh God and know my heart Psalm 139:23**

- **in full assurance of faith**

there must be a full assurance of faith that there is

- ✓ the holy place were we can dwell and walk with God
- ✓ the power of the precious blood has conquered sin so perfectly that nothing can prevent our undisturbed fellowship with God
- ✓ that the way that Jesus has sanctified through His flesh is a living way, which carries those who tread on it with eternal living power
- ✓ that the great high priest over the house of God can save to the outermost those who come to God through Him
- ✓ and that He by his spirit works in us everything that is necessary for life in the holiest
- ✓ these things we must believe and hold fast in the full assurance of faith

But how can I get there? How can my faith grow to this full assurance? By fellowship with Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)

with our hearts cleansed

the blood that the priests offered was not only placed on an altar but also on their person. Likewise the blood of Jesus must be brought by the Holy Spirit into direct contact with our hearts so that our hearts are cleansed from an evil conscience.

Through the power of the blood, **our fallen nature is prevented from exercising its power.**

With the body washed

Baptism

Let us draw near

once we enter the holiest basically through the tabernacle process we can pray. We can know that our desires and wishes before our father are acceptable incense

Session 4 the Holy of Holies continued

What do we see?

The Ark of the Covenant- made of gold (divinity) & acacia wood (humanity) (Prince).

- a. **Mercy seat – covered with blood- the blood shows the mercy of God and enables us to enter (Cho), the glory of God is there (Hinn), the law is covered with mercy when we are in Christ, this is the place where our spirit comes face to face with God over the blood- true fellowship (Prince)**
 - a. Mercy was shown to Lot (Gen19:19), Abraham (Gen24:27), Joseph (Gen39:21), Moses and the Israelites (Ex15:13)
 - b. Mercy is proclaimed by God as His character in 10 commandments (Ex20:6)
 - c. Mercy seat was to be surrounded in cloud of incense, then sprinkled 7 times with the blood of the atonement offering 7 times, on the day of atonement. It is the throne of God.
 - d. The mercy seat is the position from which God spoke to the priest/Moses directly

[Exo 25:22 NKJV] 22 "And there I will meet with you, **and I will speak with you** from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which [are] on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

Mercy, grace, glory = presence of God

[Exo 33:18-20 NKJV] 18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." 19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." 20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."

In the Lord's presence God said this to Moses

[Exo 34:5-7 NKJV] 5 Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 "keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing [the guilty], visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

He went on to renew the covenant with Moses, promised awesome and miraculous works for the people, decreed deliverance from all the enemies – the 'ites', give the 10 commandments and established the Feasts and offerings of first fruits.

God spoke to Moses (Num 7:89) at the mercy seat and received the offering of forgiveness/atonement from Aaron at the mercy seat (Lev 16),

b. Cherubim – on either side- - Worship of God & Fellowship with God

a. Worship –

- i. for who God is,
- ii. for what He has done
- iii. for Him only
- iv. for lovingkindness and mercy- who He is
- v. in Spirit and truth – the holy place process.

b. Secret place to be dwelled in – Ps 91

c. Abba Father

- c. 36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all things [are] possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You [will]." [Mar 14:36 NKJV]

- d. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." [Rom 8:15 NKJV]
- e. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" [Gal 4:6 NKJV]

The glory in His presence

27 Glory and honour [are] in his presence; strength and gladness [are] in his place. 28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. 29 Give unto the LORD the glory [due] unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. 30 Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. 31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let [men] say among the nations, **The LORD reigneth.** ... 34 O give thanks unto the LORD; for [he is] good; for his mercy [endureth] for ever. [1Ch 16:27-31, 34 KJV]

8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about [him]; and [they were] full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.** 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 **Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.** [Rev 4:8-11 KJV]

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 **Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.** 13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, **Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, [be] unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.** [Rev 5:11-13 KJV]

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. 11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and [about] the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, 12 Saying, Amen: **Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, [be] unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.** [Rev 7:9-12 KJV].

The Holy Spirit is Interceding for us

[Rom 8:26-27 NKJV] 26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit [is], because He makes intercession for the saints according to [the will of] God.