

Session #3: New Covenant

Welcome & Opening Prayer: 10 minutes

Group Discussion: Homework Week #1: 10 minutes

Discuss Genesis 15:10 from homework.

- Abraham cutting the animals

Discuss Genesis 15:17 from homework.

- God walked through the dead animals to make covenant with Abraham.
 - Flaming torch or smoking oven is a reference to God

Discuss Genesis 17:1-22 from homework.

- Review questions from page 12.
 - * Circumcision was a command of God to God's people.
 - * This was a command of the Mosaic Law and was a sign that you believed and would follow the rules of the covenant, but it was only temporary.

Galatians 6:15 (NIV)

15 Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.

- * It doesn't matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is where we have been transformed into a **NEW CREATION**.

Genesis 17:1-22, from homework, also shows God confirming His covenant with Abraham's son Isaac and Issac's son, Jacob.

- When God confirmed the covenant with Jacob, similar to your wedding day, it also involved a name change. God confirmed the covenant by changing Jacob's name to Israel.
- Also in Genesis 17:1, God told Abraham to walk blameless before Him.

Is it possible to walk blameless before God?

Now, let's cover week #2 homework and the sacrificial system.

Group Discussion: Homework Week #2: 10 minutes

Discuss Exodus 24:1-18 from homework.

- *Moses is speaking of the sacrificial system that was rooted in the Ten Commandments.*
 - * *What did Moses build? What did Moses do with the blood and why?*
 - * **How does this relate to the covenant God made with Abraham that you reviewed last week?**
- *To best understand the sacrificial system, we must look at the events leading up to the **Ten Commandments and Passover**:*
 - * *The Jewish people were in bondage for 430 years in Egypt.*
 - * *God wanted to free them from slavery and bring them to the Promised Land.*
 - * *He sent Moses.*
 - * *Moses asked Pharaoh to “Let his people go!” Pharaoh said, “NO!”*
 - * *God displayed His power by sending plagues.*
 - * *God’s final sign led to what we know as “**Passover.**”*

Read Exodus 12:5 below:

5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.

What was Moses to get?

When was he to kill it?

What was he to do with the blood?

What were they to do with the lamb?

What was going to happen at night?

- * *The Israelites were overjoyed for their release, until they became anxious and sinned, by making a golden calf as an idol.*
- * *Because of the “fall,” we are prone to sin and ultimately need a Savior. We need a bigger power to help us overcome sin, which will lead us to **FREEDOM!** Remember, God desires to save us from slavery and deliver us into **FREEDOM!***

Romans 6:18 (NIV)

18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Galatians 5:1 (NIV) - Freedom in Christ

5 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Couple's Breakout: 10 minutes

In last week's homework, we began to see how Moses used the sacrificial system that God gave him after he gave the Ten Commandments, being used with the altar and the blood. It had to be set up to cover everyone's sins in the time of Moses.

What intrigues you about this teaching about "blood covenant"?

What confuses you?

*In the sacrificial system, something had to be killed to cover the sin, then **why don't we need to live under these type of covenants any longer?***

Even though we no longer need to sacrifice animals, we still are asked to sacrifice our selfish desires for our marriage covenant.

Are there sacrifices you need to make for your spouse to live out your marriage covenant?

How has this teaching made you rethink your marriage covenant?

Group Discussion: Tabernacle: 10 minutes

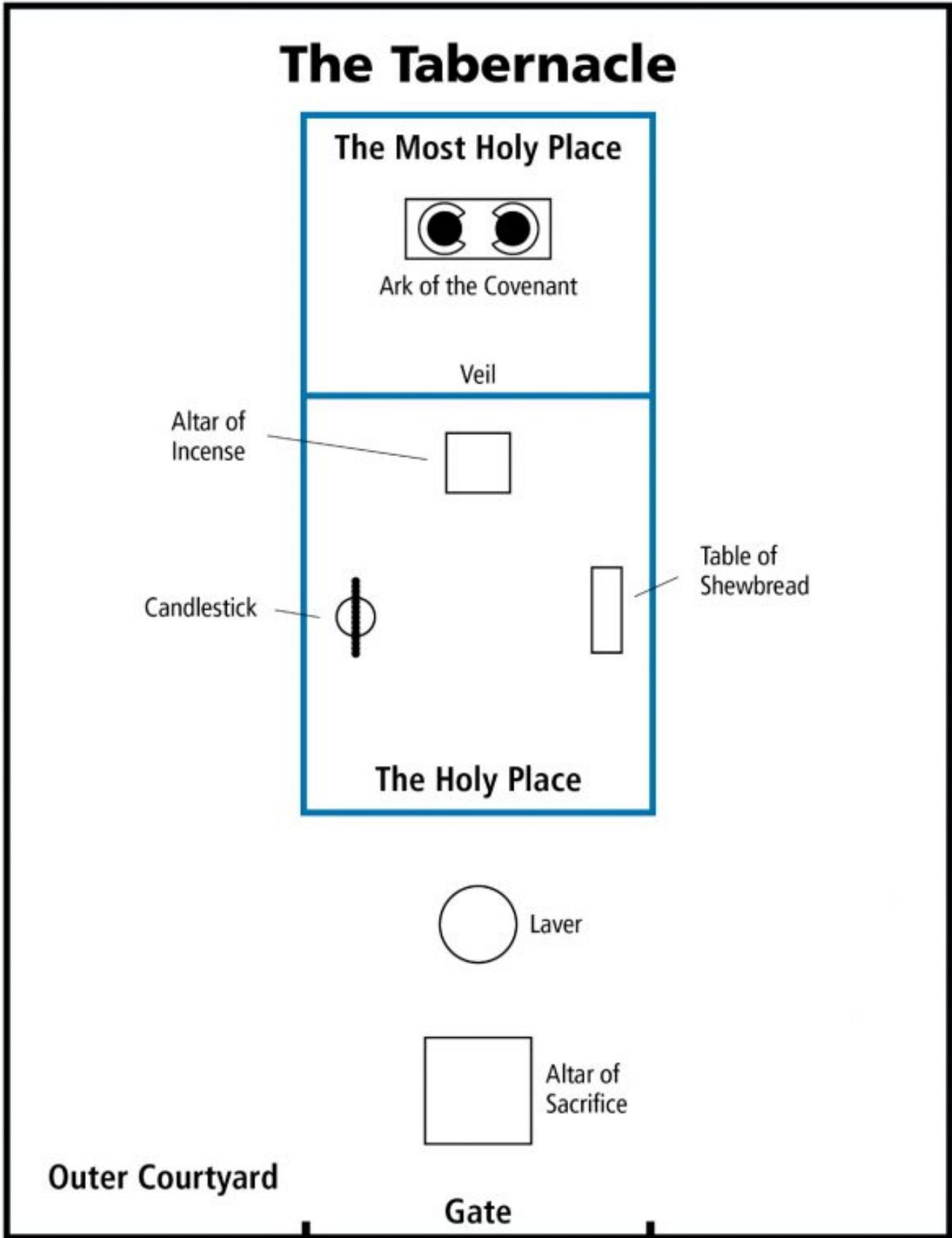
Review Tabernacle Image (see website).

Hebrews 8:5 New International Version

5 They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."^[a]

Closing Prayer & Homework Review: 10 minutes

HOMEWORK: The Tabernacle & Jesus



With the Tabernacle diagram in front of you...

Begin to look up the passages and then write them out for yourself, to get them into your heart and mind.

This may seem overkill, but you WILL be blessed by the effort!

Outer Courtyard Walls

Enter in the East Gate / Door

- *John 10:7-10*
- *John 14:16*
- *Hebrews 9:11-14*

Altar of Sacrifice

- | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| • <i>1 Peter 1:19</i> | • <i>Isaiah 53:7</i> | • <i>John 3:16</i> |
| • <i>Colossians 1:20</i> | • <i>1 Corinthians 5:7</i> | • <i>Romans 5:8</i> |
| • <i>Revelation 5:6</i> | • <i>John 1:29</i> | • <i>Mark 10:45</i> |
| • <i>Revelation 13:8</i> | • <i>Isaiah 10:45</i> | |

Was Jesus spotless and without fault?

- *Mark 15:33*
- *John 19:14*

Did He die at twilight at this passover as did the lamb with Moses?

You know the story in Genesis 22:8.

God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son. God wanted to see who had first place in Abraham's heart, so he obediently put his son, Isaac, on the altar, but before taking his life, God stopped him and said that He would provide the lamb for the burnt offering. This is a foreshadowing for the coming of Jesus. God is faithful to complete what He begins.

Are YOU faithful to your covenant with God and your spouse?

Bronze Laver

- Romans 6:3-6
- Hebrews 10:22
- John 13:4-11
- Acts 2:38
- Acts 22:16

What does John 1:1 tell us Jesus is? This will help you understand these following verses:

- Ephesians 5:26
- James 1:22-25
- Titus 3:5

Table of Shewbread

- John 6:3, 22-35
- John 6:48-51

There were also cups and pitchers on the Table of Shewbread.

The priests were commanded to offer a drink offering to the Lord - *Wine from gold cups*. The priest would eat the bread and pour out the wine. This is a picture of Jesus shedding blood poured out for us.

- Luke 22:19-20

Candle Stick

- John 8:12
- John 1:4-9
- John 9:5
- Luke 2:25-32

Altar of Incense

Jesus, our intercessor. Prayers of the saints.

- Hebrews 9:24
- Romans 8:34
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- Revelation 8:3-4
- Revelation 5:8
- Philippians 4:6
- John 16:23-28

The Veil

- Matthew 27:50-51
- Luke 23:45-46
- Mark 15:37-38
- Hebrews 10:19-22

The veil was torn in two.

So now we could be ONE again with God. Read Hebrews 4:13. He sees us for who we really are (warts and all) and loves us just as He does His Son, Jesus Christ. This is called **“Agape Love!”**

Do YOU feel God loves you fully? Why or why not?

Do you love yourself as God loves you? Why or why not?

Do you love your spouse this way? Explain.

In what ways can we improve?

As we have the power to come into God’s presence, pray to God and ask Him for the help you need to love and be loved as He loves.

Ark of the Covenant

- Hebrews 1:3
- John 1:12

Mercy Seat

- Hebrews 4:16
- James 2:13
- 1 John 4:10

The Door of the Temple is Called The East Gate

- Psalm 103:12

In Closing

- Acts 17:24-28

You did it! GREAT Job!

I hope you were able to see a glimpse at the majesty of our faithful and passionate God!

We're NOT going backwards...Don't worry...

Moving into our next session, and your identity in Christ, our last covenant of the Old Testament is a covenant that King David made with Saul's son Jonathan. *Feel free to read the entire story in 1 Samuel 18.*

- Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4
The putting on of the robe represents taking on the image of the covenant partner. Remember, covenant is the MOST solemn oath, binding two parties, therefore they are now responsible for one another. All they possess is held in common.

Do you put on the robe of Jesus?

Take notes as to what needs to be taken off and what needs to be put on.

- Read Galatians 3:26-29
- Read Romans 13:12-14
- Read Galatians 2:20